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116TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. RES. _____

Recognizing the 45th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LOWENTHAL submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on _____

RESOLUTION

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April 30, 1975.

Whereas since 1975, hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese
have resettled in the United States and built vibrant
communities across the United States which contribute to
the rich diversity of the Nation;

Whereas, on April 30, 1975, the Republic of Vietnam was
overthrown by communist forces in an event known as
“Black April” or the “Fall of Saigon”, which is observed
in Vietnamese American communities across the United
States each year;

Whereas members of the South Vietnamese military fought side-by-side with the United States Armed Forces in defense of the ideals of democracy and freedom;

Whereas Vietnamese Americans have continuously advocated for freedom and democracy in Vietnam, and spoken out against human rights abuses by the Vietnamese Government; and

Whereas Vietnam continues to hold one of the worst records on human rights in the region, violating religious freedom, obstructing press freedom, restricting its own citizens' freedom of speech and assembly, and detaining prisoners of conscience: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2 (1) recognizes the significance of the 45th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975;

3 (2) honors the contributions of Vietnamese
4 Americans to the United States over the last 45
5 years and their tireless commitment to upholding
6 freedom, human rights, and democracy in Vietnam;

7 (3) honors the service of members of the United
8 States Armed Forces and of the South Vietnamese
9 forces who fought in Vietnam, including those who
10 gave their lives;

11 (4) honors the memory of the Vietnamese who
12 lost their lives while attempting to flee Vietnam; and

13 (5) encourages all citizens of the United States
14 to join in remembering the Fall of Saigon, honoring
15 the contributions of the Vietnamese American com-
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- 1 munity, and calling for freedom, human rights, and
- 2 democracy in Vietnam.