

Introduced by Senator Ducheny

March 9, 2004

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 72—Relative to the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 72, as introduced, Ducheny. Flag of the former Republic of Vietnam: display.

Existing state law contains provisions governing the display of the flags of the United States and this state and relating to the design of, and display of certain flags at, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on the grounds of the State Capitol. Existing federal law prescribes the position and manner in which flags of other nations should be flown in relation to the United States flag.

This measure would urge that the State of California formally recognize the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam as the symbolic flag of the Vietnamese American community in this state, and permit this flag to be displayed on any state-owned property, or at any state-controlled or sponsored Vietnamese American event or any public function organized by the Vietnamese American community in the state.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, According to reports from the 2000 United States
- 2 Census, California is home to 430,964 Vietnamese immigrants;
- 3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, The Vietnamese American community has made
- 5 positive contributions to the historical, cultural, educational, and
- 6 economic prosperity of California; and

1 WHEREAS, Vietnamese Americans remain vigilant in
2 opposing tyranny of all forms, actively supporting human rights
3 for all people, and celebrating the principles of democracy, justice,
4 and tolerance upon which our nation was founded; and

5 WHEREAS, Nearly 250,000 Vietnamese and 58,000 American
6 servicemen and women sacrificed their lives for freedom in
7 Vietnam; and

8 WHEREAS, The flag of the former Republic of Vietnam, with
9 three red stripes upon a field of gold, and dating back to 1948, has
10 been and will be a symbol of resilience, freedom, and democracy
11 of Vietnamese Americans in California, who embrace the flag as
12 a uniting symbol; now, therefore, be it

13 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
14 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature of the State of California
15 urges that the State of California formally recognize the flag of the
16 former Republic of Vietnam, displaying three red stripes on a field
17 of gold, as the symbolic flag of the Vietnamese American
18 community in this state, and permit this flag to be displayed on any
19 state-owned property, or at any state-controlled or sponsored
20 Vietnamese American event or any public function organized by
21 the Vietnamese American community in the state, subject to the
22 permit requirements of the event's locality; and be it further

23 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
24 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.