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Dear Excellencies:

I understand you have concerns about SCR 72 regarding the Vietnamese American Flag Resolution Bill. In the past year, numerous cities, counties, and states have recognized the yellow flag with three red stripes as the Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag representing Americans of Vietnamese descent. Many Americans witness the "three red stripes on yellow background" flag proudly hoisted at the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C. on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July as well year round at the Vietnam War Memorial in Westminster, California. This is the same flag that decorates the medals on the chests of millions of Vietnamese and American veterans of the Vietnam War.

As a California legislator for the 69th Assembly District, I represent the largest Vietnamese American community in California. The "three red stripes on yellow background" flag is a symbol of hope and love of freedom to the over 1 million Vietnamese who fled their homeland during and after the war. Today, approximately 500,000 call California their home.

As we know from recent experience in the Virginia legislature, the yellow flag with three red stripes aroused passions that are very much alive. Since then, over 20 cities and counties across the United States as well as the state of Colorado and Louisiana have passed similar measures to recognize the yellow flag with three red stripes as representative of Vietnamese Americans.

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