

House Bill 366

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 holidays and observances, so as to designate April 29 of each year as "Heritage and Freedom  
3 Flag of the Former Republic of Vietnam Day" in Georgia; to provide legislative findings; to  
4 provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 The General Assembly finds that:

- 8 (1) The Former Republic of Vietnam was an ally of the United States of America during  
9 the Vietnam War;
- 10 (2) South Vietnamese fled their homeland during the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975,  
11 many of those families making their home in this state;
- 12 (3) Since the end of the Vietnam War, Vietnamese Americans have contributed in ways  
13 that affect all aspects of life in Georgia, including working as teachers, doctors, farmers,  
14 small business owners, athletes, engineers, religious leaders, attorneys, and more;

15 (4) As it is important for future generations to understand the history of service between  
16 the United States of America and South Vietnam during the Vietnam War, it is important  
17 to recognize and honor the Vietnamese community in Georgia; and

18 (5) It is, therefore, abundantly fitting and proper that the State of Georgia appropriately  
19 recognize and celebrate Vietnamese culture and tradition by designating April 29 of each  
20 year as "Heritage and Freedom Flag of the Former Republic of Vietnam Day" in Georgia.

21 **SECTION 2.**

22 Chapter 4 of Title 1 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to holidays and  
23 observances, is amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

24 "1-4-27.

25 (a) April 29 of each year is designated as 'Heritage and Freedom Flag of the Former  
26 Republic of Vietnam Day' in Georgia."

27 **SECTION 3.**

28 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.