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3 By Senators Holtzclaw, Dial, Ward, Allen, Fielding, Bedford  
4 and Smith  
5 RFD:  
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8 RECOGNIZING THE VIETNAMESE HERITAGE AND FREEDOM FLAG  
9 AS THE OFFICIAL SYMBOL OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA'S  
10 VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

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12 WHEREAS, one of the most important symbols of a free  
13 nation and its people is its flag because it signifies courage  
14 and liberty; and

15 WHEREAS, a significant number of  
16 Vietnamese-Americans make the State of Alabama their home; and

17 WHEREAS, the Vietnamese-American community makes  
18 substantial contributions to the cultural, religious,  
19 political, and business life of the State of Alabama; and

20 WHEREAS, the vast majority of Vietnamese-Americans  
21 in this state embrace the yellow with three red stripes  
22 Heritage and Freedom Flag as the official symbol of the  
23 Vietnamese-American community; and

24 WHEREAS, this flag is widely embraced in the  
25 Vietnamese-American community because of its long history as a  
26 symbol of resilience, freedom, and democracy both in Vietnam

1       itself and Vietnamese-American communities throughout the  
2       State of Alabama and elsewhere; and

3               WHEREAS, the Vietnamese-Americans in the State of  
4       Alabama have proudly raised this Heritage and Freedom Flag  
5       alongside the flag of the United States as a demonstration of  
6       their support for freedom and democracy in their country of  
7       origin and in protest to the violations of basic human and  
8       civil rights of the current government of Vietnam; now  
9       therefore,

10              BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA, BOTH  
11       HOUSES THEREOF CONCURRING, That we formally recognize the  
12       Vietnamese Heritage and Freedom Flag as the official symbol of  
13       the Vietnamese-American community in Alabama, and we affirm  
14       the efforts of the Vietnamese-American community in this  
15       country to promote freedom and democracy in their country of  
16       origin.