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Whereas, the current government of Vietnam is a nondemocratic, one-party system 1 2 of government without rule of law that arbitrarily infringes upon the basic human and civil 3 liberties of its citizens; and 4 Whereas, Vietnamese-Americans were forced to flee Vietnam in fear of the 5 government of Vietnam's campaign of retribution and persecution after the fall of Saigon in 6 1975; and 7 8 Whereas, the State of Missouri is home to 20,000 Vietnamese-Americans and 9 residents of Vietnamese descent who have made substantial contributions to the cultural, 10 11 religious, business, and commerce of the State of Missouri; and

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13 **Whereas**, the vast majority of Vietnamese-Americans embrace the yellow with 14 three red stripes heritage and freedom flag as the official symbol of the Vietnamese-American 15 community; and

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17 **Whereas**, dating back to 1948, the yellow flag with three red stripes has a long 18 history in Vietnam and is a broader symbol of resilience, freedom, and democracy of and for 19 Vietnamese-Americans and free Vietnamese around the world; and

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21 **Whereas**, Vietnamese-Americans have shown their desire that the yellow flag with 22 three red stripes be recognized as the official flag of the Vietnamese-American community: 23

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the members of the House of Representatives of the Ninety-third General Assembly, Second Regular Session, the Senate