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Recognizing the 51st anniversary of Black April and the Fall of Saigon  
on April 30, 1975.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. TRAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the  
Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

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Fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975.

Whereas, since 1975, hundreds of thousands of Vietnamese  
fled the Vietnamese communist regime, resettled in the  
United States, and built vibrant communities across the  
United States which contribute to the rich diversity of  
the Nation;

Whereas, on April 30, 1975, the Republic of Vietnam was  
overthrown by Communist forces in an event known as  
the “Fall of Saigon”;

Whereas, every year on April 30, Vietnamese-American com-  
munities across the United States observe “Black April”  
as a solemn day of remembrance;

Whereas “Black April” is known as “Tháng Tư Đen” in the Vietnamese language;

Whereas the Fall of Saigon led to the forced displacement of millions of Vietnamese who sought refuge across the world;

Whereas, in 1975, Congress passed the Indochina Migration and Refugee Assistance Act (Public Law 94–23), allocating roughly \$455,000,000 to facilitate the evacuation and resettlement of refugees from South Vietnam fleeing political persecution, oppression, and economic hardship;

Whereas members of the South Vietnamese military fought side by side with the United States Armed Forces and troops from other allied nations in defense of the ideals of democracy, freedom, and human dignity;

Whereas the evacuation of thousands of Vietnamese and Americans during Operation Frequent Wind stands as one of the most significant humanitarian efforts in modern United States military history;

Whereas the United States carried out multiple subsequent aerial evacuation missions, including Operation Babylift, Operation New Life, and Operation New Arrivals, which collectively evacuated tens of thousands of Vietnamese refugees to the United States;

Whereas the journey of Vietnamese refugees was marked by immense hardship, with many enduring perilous ocean voyages, time in refugee camps, and struggles of cultural adaptation;

Whereas Vietnamese Americans persevered to build new lives and contribute to the social, economic, and political fabric of the United States;

Whereas Vietnamese Americans have continuously advocated for freedom and democracy in Vietnam, and spoken out against human rights abuses by the Vietnamese Government;

Whereas the Communist Party of Vietnam continues to hold one of the worst records on human rights in the region, violating religious freedom, obstructing freedom of press, restricting its own citizens' freedom of speech and assembly, and detaining prisoners of conscience;

Whereas, in 2023, the Vietnamese American community numbers over 2,300,000 people, becoming an integral part of American society and excelling in diverse fields such as public service, business, science, education, medicine, and the arts; and

Whereas the customs of traditions of Vietnamese Americans are celebrated and deeply woven into the fabric of our Nation: Now, therefore, be it

1       *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

2               (1) recognizes the significance of the 51st anniversary of Black April and the Fall of Saigon on  
3       April 30, 1975;

4               (2) honors the contributions of Vietnamese  
5       Americans to the United States over the last 51  
6       years and their tireless commitment to upholding  
7       freedom, human rights, and democracy in Vietnam;

8               (3) reaffirms the commitment of the United  
9       States to upholding the values of democracy, human  
10       rights, and freedom for all people, including in Viet-  
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1 nam where people continue to seek enhanced civil  
2 liberties and freedom of press;

3 (4) honors the service of members of the United  
4 States Armed Forces and the Army of the Republic  
5 of Vietnam who fought in the Vietnam war, includ-  
6 ing those who gave their lives;

7 (5) honors the memory of the Vietnamese who  
8 lost their lives in search of freedom and democracy  
9 while attempting to flee communist Vietnam; and

10 (6) encourages all citizens of the United States  
11 to solemnly observe Black April and the Fall of Sai-  
12 gon, remember the more than 58,000 United States  
13 soldiers and 260,000 Army of the Republic of Viet-  
14 nam soldiers who served and sacrificed in the name  
15 of freedom, and honor the contributions of the Viet-  
16 nameese American community and the indomitable  
17 spirit of the Vietnamese diaspora.