

Regular Session, 2003

SENATE BILL NO. 839

BY SENATOR JOHNSON

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. Recognizes the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam as the official flag. (gov sig)

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 49:153.3, relative to the displaying of flags; to recognize the flag
3 of the former Republic of Vietnam as the official flag to be displayed
4 in the state; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 49:153.3 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §153.3. Display of the flag of the Republic of Vietnam

8 The legislature does hereby recognize that the people of the
9 former Republic of Vietnam, also known as South Vietnam, were
10 valiant in their resistance to the aggression of the communist North
11 Vietnam. The legislature further finds that refugees from the former
12 Republic of Vietnam who emigrated to the United States of America
13 and settled in the state of Louisiana should be honored and remembered
14 for their sacrifices. Therefore, the only flag depicting the country of
15 Vietnam that may be displayed in any state-sponsored public function

1 or any public institution of learning shall be the flag of the former
2 Republic of Vietnam.

3 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the
4 governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills
5 to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III,
6 Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and
7 subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on
8 the day following such approval.

 The original instrument and the following digest, which
 constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared
 by Todd Parker.

DIGEST

Proposed law provides that the only flag depicting the country of Vietnam that
may be displayed in any state-sponsored public function or any public
institution of learning shall be the flag of the former Republic of Vietnam.

Effective upon signature by the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial
action.

(Adds R.S. 49:153.3)