

Regular Session, 2003

SENATE BILL NO. 839

BY SENATORS JOHNSON, BARHAM AND ULLO AND
REPRESENTATIVE DOWNER

AN ACT

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

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

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

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

R.S. 49:153.3 is all new law.

The legislature does hereby recognize that the people of the
former Republic of Vietnam, also known as South Vietnam, were
valiant in their resistance to the aggression of the communist North
Vietnam. The legislature further finds that refugees from the former
Republic of Vietnam who emigrated to the United States of America
and settled in the state of Louisiana should be honored and remembered
for their sacrifices. Therefore, 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.

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the
governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills
to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III,

Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on the day following such approval.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____