

By: Representative Patterson

To: Rules

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 76

1 A RESOLUTION COMMENDING THE BILOXI CITY COUNCIL FOR ITS
2 UNANIMOUS APPROVAL TO RECOGNIZE THE YELLOW AND RED FLAG AS THE
3 OFFICIAL SYMBOL FOR BILOXI'S VIETNAMESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITY.

4 WHEREAS, the yellow and red flag evolves from 40 A.D. when
5 two sisters used a yellow banner to lead a revolt against Chinese
6 occupiers and the red stripes have been added over the last two
7 centuries; and

8 WHEREAS, when South Vietnam fell to communist North Vietnam
9 in 1975, the unified nation's new flag became a red banner with a
10 gold star; and

11 WHEREAS, the Biloxi City Council unanimously approved a
12 resolution recognizing the yellow and red flag as the official
13 symbol for the city's Vietnamese-American community; and

14 WHEREAS, many immigrants of Vietnam have made a new life on
15 the Mississippi Gulf Coast; and

16 WHEREAS, the flag has been endorsed by American veterans who
17 fought in Vietnam; and

18 WHEREAS, Biloxi's recognition of the yellow and red flag
19 follows the example of cities in California and Washington that
20 have passed similar resolutions; and

21 WHEREAS, it is the policy of the House of Representatives to
22 recognize progressive cities such as Biloxi in their pursuit to
23 recognize the history of its citizens:

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
25 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, That we do hereby
26 commend the Biloxi City Council for its unanimous approval to

27 recognize the yellow and red flag as the official symbol for
28 Biloxi's Vietnamese-American community.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be
30 furnished to the Biloxi City Council and members of the Capitol
31 Press Corps.