

GARDEN GROVE CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 895 TO CREATE SCHOOL CURRICULUM ON THE
VIETNAMESE AMERICAN REFUGEE EXPERIENCE

WHEREAS, SB 895 has been introduced in the California Legislature to add Section 51207 to the Education Code to create a model school curriculum on the Vietnamese American refugee experience;

WHEREAS, this model curriculum can help all California students develop a more thorough understanding of this critical moment in history;

WHEREAS, the model curriculum would begin with the fall of Saigon in 1975, including oral testimony of survivors, rescuers, and liberators of the Vietnam War, including Vietnamese American refugees, Vietnamese boat people, and members of the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces to ensure quality standards and materials for this area of study;

WHEREAS, the model curriculum would be developed with participation from Vietnamese American cultural centers and community groups located in California, survivors, rescuers, and liberators of the Vietnam War, Vietnamese American Refugees, a group of representatives of local educational agencies, a majority of which are kindergarten and grades 1 through 12, inclusive, and teachers who have relevant experience or education background in the study and teaching of Vietnamese American history;

WHEREAS, the model curriculum would include curriculum appropriate for use in elementary schools, middle schools, and high schools;

WHEREAS, the model curriculum would be written as a guide to allow school districts, charter schools, and county offices of education to adapt their related courses to best meet the educational needs of their communities;

WHEREAS, the model curriculum developed for use in high schools would include examples of courses offered by local educational agencies that have been approved as meeting the A-G admissions requirements of the University of California and the California State University, including to the extent possible course outlines for those courses;

WHEREAS, when teaching about the Vietnam War and the postwar period, the Legislature encourages the incorporation of writings that represent all perspectives of the refugee experience; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the bill's provisions would be subject to the receipt of grants, donations, or other financial support from private or public

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sources for its purposes, including, but not limited to, an appropriation in the annual budget or another statute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Garden Grove hereby supports Senate Bill 895 to create school curriculum on the Vietnamese American Refugee Experience.