

May 2, 2002

## Please Save the Vietnam Human Rights Act, HR2833 on VN Human Rights Day

Dear members and friends,

The American Vietnamese Republican Assembly of Orange County (AVRAOC) would like to ask for your support of the California Republican Assembly's Resolution urging Senator John Kerry (D-MA) and the United States Senate to *allow the Vietnam Human Rights Act -- H.R. 2833 to go to the Senate Floor for debate and vote* for the reasons as mentioned in the Resolution enclosed.

Please join with us in supporting of this Vietnam Human Rights Act as follows:

1. Mail/fax copies of the Resolution to your Senators at their address/fax at this link:  
[http://www.senate.gov/contacting/index\\_by\\_state.cfm](http://www.senate.gov/contacting/index_by_state.cfm)
2. One week after sending copies of the Resolution to your Senators, call them and ask for their votes on this Human Rights Act at their phone numbers as listed at the link above.
3. **On Vietnam Human Rights Day, Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 AM, go to your Senators office for a demonstration asking for their support of this Human Rights Act. Remember to bring signs saying "Please Support Vietnam Human Rights Act – H.R. 2833" or/and "Please Vote on Vietnam Human Rights Act – H.R. 2833"**

**For transportation by Bus, call your OCTA @ (1-800) 266-6883 or go to [www.octa.net](http://www.octa.net) (for Orange County residents) or carpool with others.**

God bless!

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Founding President**

*American Vietnamese Republican Assembly  
A Unit of California Republican Assembly  
Chartered by California Republican Party*

## Resolution Urging Sen. John Kerry (D-MA) and the U.S. Senate to Vote on

### VIETNAM HUMAN RIGHTS ACT - H.R. 2833

WHEREAS, the communist ruled government of Vietnam has been regularly criticized for decades by international human rights groups for its brutal repression of political and religious dissidents;

WHEREAS, this Human Rights act will establish as policy of the United States, programs of educational and cultural exchange with Vietnam that actively promote progress toward freedom and democracy, and;

WHEREAS, this Human Rights Act mandates that the Communist government of Vietnam make substantial progress toward releasing all political and religious prisoners from imprisonment, house arrest, and other forms of detention;

WHEREAS, this Human Rights Act will require the President to determine whether Hanoi has made substantial progress in the release of political and religious prisoners, before approving aid;

WHEREAS, this Human Rights Act will require measures be taken to overcome the jamming of Radio Free Asia by Communist government of Vietnam;

WHEREAS, this Human Rights Act was introduced by Rep. Christopher Smith, R-NJ, on September 5 2001 and passed on September 6, 2001 in the U. S. House of Representatives by a vote of 410 to 1;

WHEREAS, this Human Rights Act was received in the U.S. Senate on September 10, 2001, read for the second time and placed on the Senate Legislative Calendar for ratification;

WHEREAS, U.S. Senator John Kerry, D-MA, has refused to allow this Human Rights legislation to go to the Senate floor for a debate and vote;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the California Republican Assembly calls upon the Democratic Senator from Massachusetts to allow this Human Rights Act to go to the Senate Floor for debate and vote;

BE IT FURTHER THEREFORE RESOLVED that the California Republican Assembly urges all U.S. Senators to support this legislation and to join with the Vietnamese people in their quest for freedom.

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California Republican Assembly Convention  
Pomona, California

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