

H. Res. 613

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

May 11, 2004.

Whereas May 11, 2004, is the 14th anniversary of the issuance of the Manifesto of the Non-Violent Movement for Human Rights in Vietnam and the tenth anniversary of Vietnam Human Rights Day, as designated on May 11, 1994, by Public Law 103–258;

Whereas Vietnam Human Rights Day recognizes the important contributions of the author of the Manifesto, Dr. Nguyen Dan Que, and uncounted numbers of innocent Vietnamese, including religious leaders and ethnic minorities who have been tortured, imprisoned, or held under house arrest by the Socialist Republic of Vietnam because of their nonviolent struggle for freedom and human rights;

Whereas the Manifesto, which calls upon Hanoi to respect basic human rights, accept a multiparty system, and restore the right of the Vietnamese people to choose their own form of government through free and fair elections, reflects the will and aspirations of the people of Vietnam;

Whereas the leaders of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam are expanding diplomatic and trade relations with the rest of the world; and

Whereas the United States, as leader of the free world, has a special responsibility to safeguard freedom and promote the protection of human rights throughout the world: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) honors and recognizes the 10th anniversary of Vietnam Human Rights Day;

(2) supports the designation of a “Vietnam Human Rights Day”; and

(3) urges all Americans to share in this commemoration so as to have a greater appreciation of the role Vietnam Human Rights Day has played in helping to defend and further the liberties and freedom of all Vietnamese people.

Attest:

Clerk.