

By Representatives Starks, Fuller, Thrasher, Villalobos,  
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House Resolution

A resolution recommending the Governor exercise  
his veto authority by striking any  
appropriation of funds for fiscal year  
1997-1998 that supports any embassy operations  
in Vietnam.

WHEREAS, the Vietnam Conflict was a costly and tragic  
period in America's history, and

WHEREAS, over 480,000 Floridians served in the Armed  
Forces of their country and represented their communities and  
families during the era of this conflict, and

WHEREAS, 83 Floridians were listed as Prisoners of War  
or Missing in Action in Southeast Asia, and

WHEREAS, 1,958 of the 480,000 Floridians who served in  
this war were killed in action, and

WHEREAS, the Government of Vietnam has failed to  
provide a full accounting of Americans missing or killed in  
action, and

WHEREAS, the Conference Report on Senate Bill 2400  
contains an appropriation of \$270,000 in General Revenue funds  
for the purpose of supporting a Southeast Trade Operations  
Center in the soon to be established Vietnam American Embassy  
Office, NOW, THEREFORE,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the State of  
Florida:

That the House of Representatives of the State of  
Florida urges the Governor, pursuant to his authority under  
Section 8(a) of Article III of the State Constitution, to veto

1 the appropriation of \$270,000 for the Southeast Asia Trade  
2 Operations-Vietnam Embassy Office, appearing in the proviso  
3 following Specific Appropriation 1649C of the 1997-1998  
4 General Appropriations Act.  
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