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**Resolution to Support HR 1587
The Viet Nam Human Rights Act 2003**

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Whereas, the NAACP supports the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

Whereas, the NAACP knows and understands “harassment, discrimination and intimidation, and sometimes of imprisonment and other forms of detention, against those who peacefully express dissent from government...policy”;

Whereas, the “Unified Buddhist Church of Viet Nam, the largest religious denomination in the country, has been declared illegal by the Government, and over the last twenty-five years its clergy have often been imprisoned and subjected to other forms of persecution”;

Whereas, “Independent Protestants, most of whom are members of ethnic minority groups, are subjected to particularly harsh treatment by the Government of Viet Nam. According to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, such treatment includes ‘police raids on homes and house churches, detention, imprisonment, confiscation of religious and personal property, physical and psychological abuse, and fines for engaging in unapproved religious activities (such as collective worship, public religious expression and distribution of religious literature, and performing baptisms, marriages, or funeral services)’”;

Whereas, the NAACP affirms the rights of freedom of speech, press, religion, peaceable assembly and the rule of law;

Whereas, the NAACP supports a democratic society without discrimination of race, gender or religion where the voice of its citizens are heard and their votes counted;

Whereas, HR 2833 – the Viet Nam Human Rights Act passed the U.S. House of Representatives with a resounding vote of 410-1 in September 2001 and held in the Senate;

Be it resolved, the NAACP supports HR 1587 – the Viet Nam Human Rights Act 2003 and will lobby the U.S. Congress and the President of the United States to pass HR 1587.

For the complete text of the U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights, please visit
<http://www.un.org/Overview/rights.html>

For the complete text of HR 1587, please visit
http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=108_cong_bills&docid=f:h1587ih.txt.pdf