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See Loretta on the House Floor...

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I rise today in support of all the individuals taking part in events in the nation's capital, in Orange County, California, and across the nation in observance of the Fall of Saigon on April 30th.

April 30, 1975 marked the beginning of a journey for many who sought refuge in an unknown land and an uncertain future. These individuals risked everything for a chance to live freely and provide better opportunities for their children and families.

In the thirty years since, most Vietnamese Americans have been able to rebuild their lives, and contribute to the diversity of our nation.

The world has changed since that fateful day, but one thing remains constant – Vietnamese Americans work tirelessly to promote freedom and democracy in Vietnam.

As we reflect on this anniversary, please join me and the Vietnamese-American community in honoring the memory of those who lost their lives in this conflict and celebrating the contributions of Vietnamese Americans in our society.

Thank You, Mr. Speaker.