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WASHINGTON, D.C. –Today, Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (D-CA) was joined by 415 Members of the U.S. House of Representatives to pass H. Res. 228, a bill observing the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Republic of Vietnam to the Communist forces of North Vietnam. Rep. Loretta Sanchez made the following statement on the Floor of the House of Representatives:

"Madame Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res.228, which marks the 30th Anniversary of the fall of Saigon.

"Last weekend, thousands of Vietnamese Americans from across the country came to Washingtonfor the Vietnam Freedom March.

"This event celebrated the freedom and heritage of the Vietnamese American community, honored the sacrifices of American and Vietnamese Veterans, and highlighted the desperate need for freedom and basic human rights in Vietnamtoday.

"I am proud to have been an honorary co-host of this event, along with over 20 of my House colleagues, and I look forward to the support of the entire body for this resolution in today’s vote.

"As the Congressional Representative to one of the largest Vietnamese communities outside of Vietnam, it is a great privilege to bring this legislation to the floor today on their behalf.

"The people of Vietnamawaken every day under a harsh and repressive regime. Events such as the Vietnam Freedom March remind those of us here in Washington that even 30 years after the fall of Saigon, there remains much to be done before the Vietnamese people can enjoy the freedom and liberty that we too often take for granted.

"Thank you. I yield back the balance of my time."