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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. ELIGIBILITY FOR REFUGEE STATUS.**

2 (a) **ELIGIBILITY FOR IN-COUNTRY REFUGEE PROC-**
3 **ESSING IN VIETNAM.**—For purposes of eligibility for in-
4 country refugee processing for nationals of Vietnam dur-
5 ing fiscal years 2002 and 2003, an alien described in sub-
6 section (b) shall be considered to be a refugee of special
7 humanitarian concern to the United States (within the
8 meaning of section 207 of the Immigration and Nation-
9 ality Act (8 U.S.C. 1157)) and shall be admitted to the
10 United States for resettlement if the alien would be admis-
11 sible as an immigrant under the Immigration and Nation-
12 ality Act (except as provided in section 207(c)(3) of that
13 Act).

14 (b) **ALIENS COVERED.**—An alien described in this
15 subsection is an alien who—

16 (1) is the son or daughter of a qualified na-
17 tional;

18 (2) is 21 years of age or older; and

19 (3) was unmarried as of the date of acceptance
20 of the alien's parent for resettlement under the Or-
21 derly Departure Program or through the United
22 States Consulate General in Ho Chi Minh City.

23 (c) **QUALIFIED NATIONAL.**—The term “qualified na-
24 tional” in subsection (b)(1) means a national of Vietnam
25 who—

4 (B) is the widow or widower of an individual
5 described in subparagraph (A);

9 (B) is or was accepted under the Orderly De-
10 parture Program or through the United States Con-
11 sulate General in Ho Chi Minh City—

12 (i) for resettlement as a refugee; or

13 (ii) for admission to the United States as
14 an immediate relative immigrant; and

15 (3)(A) is presently maintaining a residence in
16 the United States or whose surviving spouse is pres-
17 ently maintaining such a residence; or

18 (B) was approved for refugee resettlement or
19 immigrant visa processing and is awaiting departure

1 formalities from Vietnam or whose surviving spouse
2 is awaiting such departure formalities.

Passed the House of Representatives October 30,
2001.

Attest:

Clerk.