Resolution

ENROLLED HOUSE
RESOLUTION NO. 1017 By: Waldron

A Resolution commending Hmong Special Guerrilla Unit (SGU) Veterans; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Hmong Special Guerrilla Unit (SGU) Veterans Recognition Day commemorates Hmong combat soldiers that served under the direction of United States military and clandestine forces from 1961-1975, in the Secret War of Laos during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, we recognize the contributions Hmong Veterans of America continue to make to keep our cherished liberties alive; and

WHEREAS, the Hmong SGU veterans were vital in the Secret War in Laos, providing intelligence and troops to one of the nation's largest operations, rescuing American soldiers, and blocking North Vietnam from using the Ho Chi Minh Trail to South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that at least 35,000 Hmong SGU veterans were killed during the Secret War, and the remaining Hmong population in Laos have been victims of ongoing retaliation, murder, and genocide since the conclusion of the war; and

WHEREAS, on May 14, 1975, the last American Central Intelligence Agency personnel withdrew from Laos, and the Hmong veterans and their families began their journey to new beginnings; and

WHEREAS, these veterans and their families were provided with political asylum, refugee status, and citizenship because of their unique contribution to the United States.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 59TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

THAT the Oklahoma House of Representatives recognizes May 15 as Hmong Special Guerrilla Unit (SGU) Veterans Recognition Day in Oklahoma.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the Oklahoma Hmong Association, President Cher J. Lor and Mrs. Moua Yang; the Lao Veterans Association; the National Hmong Associations: Hmong 18 Clan Council, President Pao Vang; Hmong Cannabis Association, President Thomas Herr; and the Hmong Oklahoma Cannabis Association.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 1st day of May, 2023.

Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Received by the Office of the Secretary of State this 2nd day of May, 20 23, at 9:48 o'clock A M.

By: Brian Bingman