

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 103

Reps. Xiong, Breen, Fox, Glanville, Miller, Myers-Phillips, Paiz, Rogers, Weiss, Witwer and Young offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to declare May 14, 2025, as Hmong Special  
2 Guerrilla Units Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan.

3       Whereas, The first Hmong families arrived in the United States  
4 as refugees of war in 1976, with thousands settling in the state of  
5 Michigan; and

6       Whereas, During the Vietnam War, the Central Intelligence  
7 Agency (CIA) and United States Armed Forces recruited, organized,  
8 trained, and assisted Hmong forces to combat the North Vietnamese  
9 Army and communist Pathet Lao forces; and

10       Whereas, Hmong guerrilla soldiers courageously fought  
11 alongside Americans during the "Secret War" in Laos; and

1       Whereas, Thousands of Hmong men, women and children died in  
2       Laos. Their deaths were unaccounted for, while their commitment to  
3       rescuing downed American pilots and saving U.S. troops never  
4       wavered; and

5       Whereas, When the U.S withdrew from Laos, the Hmong faced  
6       harsh retribution from the Communist government for their  
7       involvement in the American war effort and many were ultimately  
8       forced to flee their native land; and

9       Whereas, On May 14th, 1975, the American Central Intelligence  
10      Agency withdrew from Laos and the Hmong veterans and their families  
11      began their journey to new beginnings; and

12      Whereas, Michigan is home to a significant number of Hmong  
13      refugees, after providing political asylum and citizenship because  
14      of their unique contribution to American interests; and

15      Whereas, The House of Representatives recognizes that the  
16      state of Michigan is home to a significant number of Hmong  
17      Americans and the importance of educating the general public about  
18      the historic contributions of our Hmong American residents; and

19      Whereas, The diversity of the Hmong people adds much to the  
20      cultural fabric of our city, state, and country, as they have  
21      shared their traditions, food, and practices of faith; and

22      Whereas, Today, the House of Representatives joins in  
23      reflecting on the tremendous heroism and sacrifice of our Hmong  
24      American community; and

25      Whereas, We honor their commitment to leadership,  
26      establishment of businesses, and contribution to the economic  
27      growth of our state; now, therefore, be it

28      Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of

1 this legislative body declare May 14, 2025, as Hmong Special  
2 Guerrilla Units Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan.