

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 103

Rep. Xiong 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

12 Whereas, Thousands of Hmong men, women and children died in
13 Laos. Their deaths were unaccounted for, while their commitment to

1 rescuing downed American pilots and saving U.S. troops never
2 wavered; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

26 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That the members of
27 this legislative body declare May 14, 2025, as Hmong Special
28 Guerrilla Units Remembrance Day in the state of Michigan.