

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 1st Session of the 59th Legislature (2023)

3 HOUSE  
4 RESOLUTION 1017

By: Waldron

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution commending Hmong Special Guerilla Unit  
8 (SGU) Veterans; and directing distribution.

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10 WHEREAS, Hmong Special Guerilla Unit (SGU) Veterans Recognition  
11 Day commemorates Hmong combat soldiers that served under the  
12 direction of United States military and clandestine forces from  
13 1961-1975, in the Secret War of Laos during the Vietnam War; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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