
THIRD READING

Bill No: SCR 143
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Introduced: 3/10/26
Vote: 21

SUBJECT: Hmong Laotian Special Guerilla Unit veterans

SOURCE: Author

DIGEST: This resolution honors and celebrates Hmong Laotian Special Guerilla Unit veterans and their families and recognizes their sacrifice.

ANALYSIS: This resolution makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) From 1961 to 1975, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) recruited and trained Hmong and other Laotian soldiers to form a Special Guerilla Unit (SGU) to fight the Secret War during the Vietnam War. This SGU performed covert missions ordered and planned by the United States military and CIA to deter the movement of troops, supplies, and weapons on the Ho Chi Minh Trail and other areas in and around Laos.
- 2) At least 35,000 SGU soldiers were killed during this time, roughly 12% of the Hmong population in Laos at the time.
- 3) SGU soldiers have been honored with the construction and maintenance of a monument in the City and County of Fresno and the Cities of Stockton and Chico, and legislative recognition in the States of Connecticut, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.
- 4) Congress never granted these soldiers full veteran status, and they do not have military identification card or license plate eligibility.

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FISCAL EFFECT: Appropriation: No Fiscal Com.: No Local: No

SUPPORT: (Verified 3/16/26)

None received

OPPOSITION: (Verified 3/16/26)

None received

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