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House Joint Resolution 8

*Encouraging the United States Congress to award the Hmong veterans of the Vietnam
2 War the Congressional Gold Medal*

Sponsor Statement

House Joint Resolution 8 urges the United States Congress to recognize the sacrifices and contributions of Hmong soldiers during the Vietnam War by awarding them the Congressional Gold Medal. This long-overdue honor would acknowledge their bravery, loyalty, and invaluable service in support of the United States Armed Forces.

During the 1960's, over 100,000 Hmong soldiers were recruited by the United States Central Intelligence Agency. These warriors played a critical role in intercepting enemy forces and disrupting the flow of troops and supplies along the Ho Chi Min Trail. Despite being heavily outnumbered, the Hmong soldiers fought with unwavering courage, gathered vital intelligence, and conducted rescue missions to save downed American pilots. Approximately 40,000 Hmong soldiers were killed while defending and protecting U.S. military operations.

Following the war, Hmong veterans faced severe persecuted forcing many to flee their homeland and seek refuge in Thailand and the United States.

It is time for our nation to honor their service and fulfill the commitments made to them. The Congressional Gold Medal represents not just a symbol of recognition but an affirmation of their legacy in American History.

We must acknowledge and honor the Hmong veterans who stood alongside U.S. forces and ensure their sacrifices are never forgotten. We urge Congress to award the Congressional Gold Medal to these courageous warriors.

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