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**From:** Susan A. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 25, 2025 10:15 AM  
**To:** Senate State Affairs  
**Subject:** SJR 10: Encouraging the United States Congress to award Hmong veterans of the Vietnam War the Congressional Gold Medal.

Testimony in Support of Senate Joint Resolution No. 10

Honorable members of the Alaska State Legislature,

I am writing today to express my unwavering support for Senate Joint Resolution No. 10, which encourages the United States Congress to award the Congressional Gold Medal to the Hmong veterans of the Vietnam War.

These brave men and women played an essential and often overlooked role in the Vietnam War, fighting alongside American forces in the face of immense hardship and danger. Their sacrifices, including the loss of countless lives, deserve the highest level of recognition, and the Congressional Gold Medal is a fitting tribute to their courage and resilience.

Alaska has long been home to a vibrant Hmong community, and we must ensure that the service and sacrifices of Hmong veterans are properly acknowledged and honored. By passing this resolution, the State of Alaska sends a powerful message to Washington that we stand with those who stood with us.

I strongly urge the Alaska State Legislature to support this resolution and honor the extraordinary legacy of Hmong veterans who demonstrated unparalleled bravery in the defense of freedom.

I commend the authors of this resolution. It is masterfully constructed. Thank you for offering this forward.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**From:** Therese Lewandowski [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 26, 2025 11:18 AM  
**To:** Senate State Affairs  
**Subject:** SJR 10 Hmong Veterans

Senators,

I very much support this resolution supporting issuing the Gold Medal to the Hmong Veterans of the Viet Nam War.

I had a brother who fought in Viet Nam and today I still have friends alive who were there. My brother was wary of the Vietnamese but also felt great compassion for them. He did not know of the Hmong, most didn't.

I became aware of the Hmong when having to read a book about them in a Social Work class years ago. It was tragic.

The parish I grew up in in my home city of Detroit was once a Polish/Irish/Italian Catholic immigrant residential community. Now it is primarily African-American and Hmong Catholic. While it is a struggling residential area, you can see where these people live is great pride. I believe the largest population of Hmong is in California.

They fought for the US honorably and then were brutally massacred by their government for it. Their immigration into our country has been a tough one. They deserve to be recognized for their service and bravery, their belief in fighting communism. People need to know about them.

Please support this, pass it out of your committee and hopefully to the floor.

Thank you so much,  
Therese Lewandowski