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1 **Relating to:** memorializing Congress to recognize the services rendered to this
2 country during the Vietnam War by Laotian and Montagnard troops.

3 Whereas, many Laotian and Montagnard (Hmong-Lao) units fought for and
4 with U.S. armed forces during the Vietnam War, and more than 20,000 of them were
5 killed, along with countless numbers who were wounded while fighting with their
6 American allies; and

7 Whereas, they were told by representatives of our government that the United
8 States would not abandon them if the United States left Southeast Asia; and

9 Whereas, many fled their own countries after the war to avoid persecution,
10 imprisonment or death for their loyalty to America and the armed forces of our
11 nation; and

12 Whereas, many of these Laotian and Montagnard (Hmong-Lao) soldiers and
13 their families have been accepted into our country as legal immigrants; and

14 Whereas, while fighting for the United States, many of these veterans, as young
15 soldiers, had little or no time for education in their homeland, and therefore had
16 great difficulty learning American customs and the level of English needed to qualify
17 for U.S. citizenship; and

