

A Senate resolution

recognizing the work of Andrew Ying Her.

WHEREAS, those individuals who work tirelessly in their communities perform an important service deserving of special legislative recognition; and

WHEREAS, Andrew Ying Her was born in July 6, 1960, in the Vientiane province in northwestern Laos, to parents Shong Leng and Shoua Fang; and

WHEREAS, from 1972 to 1975, he worked under Nais Mourt Tsaab Yaaj, Captain Tong Chao Her and Commander Txwj Nruag Her, and when the communist party took over Laos, he fled into the jungle with his family to escape, eventually immigrating to the United States on June 6, 1980; and

WHEREAS, Andrew began learning English in 1982 and completed his high school diploma in 1985, before beginning college at the University of Wisconsin - Stout. Andrew earned a bachelor's degree in general business administration with a minor in marketing. While in college, Andrew met and married his wife, May Xiong, in 1987, and they started their family together; and

WHEREAS, Andrew has a long history of providing services to Southeast Asian community members, including acting as a student advisor and advocating for the elderly. He has extensive cultural knowledge and expertise and is well versed in Hmong funerary traditions; and

WHEREAS, he remains an active participant in Hmong cultural activities and supports Hmong-owned small businesses in the region, and serves as an advisor for the Shee Yee Community of Milwaukee and acts as a board member for Hawj United of Wisconsin. Andrew and May now reside in Milwaukee with their six children; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it commends Andrew Ying Her for his dedication to the Hmong community and extends warm wishes for his continued service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare an enrolled copy of this resolution, to be authenticated by the Secretary's signature and that of the Chair of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, and transmit it to Andrew Ying Her.

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Secretary of the Senate

Paul E. Gazelka
Chair, Senate Committee on
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