

A Senate resolution

honoring the memory of Chang Ying Yang.

WHEREAS, Chang Ying Yang was born in Xiangkhouang Province, Laos, to Fai Dang Yang and Yer Her on November 7, 1952; and

WHEREAS, after Chang Ying's father SGU Private Fai Dang Yang was killed in battle in 1967, he helped his mother raise all his siblings to adulthood; and

WHEREAS, in 1975 when Laos fell to communist rule, Chang Ying and his family fled to Thailand with other Hmong refugees, then came to the United States in April 1976 to the Kansas City area; and

WHEREAS, Chang Ying worked hard for his American dreams, as an auto mechanic, landscape maintenance worker, and custodian; connected young people with summer jobs through his work for nonprofits; graduated from Donnelly College in 1979 with an Associate Certificate through the adult education and work training program; served as President of the Lao Family Community Inc. - Kansas Chapter from 1981 to 1988; and worked with Amtrak as a Coach Cleaner for more than 11 years, retiring in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Chang Ying was a family builder and community advocate for Hmong-American progress in the states of Kansas and Missouri and beyond. He enjoyed being surrounded by his family and community members and building relationships with elected officials and political leaders in Wyandotte County. He helped many families settle in Kansas City, and was an active member of Kansas City Hmong Alliance Church, serving in many roles including Ministry President, Property Manager, and Youth Sponsor. He also organized soccer and volleyball teams to compete in the Annual Hmong Freedom Fest in Minnesota and took home many trophy titles; and

WHEREAS, Chang Ying Yang passed away peacefully in his home on January 23, 2021. He is survived by his wife Pang Her, five sons, six daughters, 24 grandchildren, and 15 foster children; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it honors the memory of Chang Ying Yang, acknowledges his outstanding contributions to his community, and extends condolences to his family and friends.

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 the family of Chang Ying Yang.

Cal R. Ludeman
Secretary of the Senate

Paul E. Gazelka
Chair, Senate Committee on
Rules and Administration

Foung Hawj
State Senator, District 67