DRAFT RESOLUTION 15-37
SUBJECT: LAO/HMONG SPECIAL FORCES HONOR AND RECOGNITION
SOURCE: CT
AZ, MO, FL, WA, VA, NJ, OH, MN,

WHEREAS, Lao/Hmong Soldiers, were trained by, equipped by, paid by, and fought as United States Special Forces, commanded by Officers of the United States Central Intelligence Agency from 1961 to 1975 and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Lao/Hmong Soldiers, performed covert missions as ordered and planned by Officers of the United States Military and Central Intelligence Agency within Laos and Vietnam to help deter the movement of North Vietnamese Troops, supplies and weapons on the Ho Chi Minh Trail and other areas as assigned; and

WHEREAS, Lao/Hmong Soldiers, rescued many downed pilots and recovered the bodies of many members of the United States Armed Forces at great risk and losses to their own ranks; and

WHEREAS, Lao/Hmong Soldiers, were issued U.S. Air Force Pilot wings on successfully completing pilot training and U.S. Parachute Badges for completing parachute school along with being awarded the Congressionally Awarded Vietnam Veteran National Medal on or about May 1997; and

WHEREAS, Lao/Hmong Soldiers have a place of Honor with the construction and maintenance of a monument in the Arlington National Cemetery, Sacramento, California and recognition in Wisconsin and other states; and

WHEREAS, Lao/Hmong Soldiers have been Honored by the State of Connecticut and issued the State of Connecticut Military War Time Medal by former Governor Jody Rell; and

WHEREAS, AMVETS Honors the sacrifices and contributions made by members of the Lao/Hmong, as members of the United States Special Forces during the Vietnam War; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that AMVETS National Headquarters file a resolution with the Congress of the United States of America annually until the Lao/Hmong Special Forces, are awarded the recognition that they have earned, including military Form DD-214 recognizing their military service while operating under the control of the U.S. Army and C.I.A.; basic health care at Department of Veterans Affairs Hospitals; and the right to be buried in military cemeteries with Full Military Final Honors.