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HCR 17 - CAMBODIAN GENOCIDE REMEMBRANCE

3/5 House Committee on Rules

Thank you, Chair Bowman, Vice-Chairs Drazan and Pham, and members of the committee. I am State Representative Hoa Nguyen, and I represent House District 48, which includes outer Southeast Portland and North Clackamas County.

I am honored to join the voices expressing strong support for HCR 17, which honors Cambodian Americans living in Oregon and the US, as well as all those lost during the Cambodian Genocide.

I myself am a second-generation Vietnamese American, born to refugee parents who risked everything to flee the violence and turmoil of the Vietnam War. Though the lived experience of myself and my family may not be exactly the same, our histories are intertwined; I share a deep sense of solidarity with the Cambodian American community as generations of refugees and survivors of tragedy.

However, the story of Cambodian Americans does not end with tragedy and survival. Cambodian Americans exemplify resilience in spite of suffering and have become an integral part of Oregon's collective identity, as well as our local communities. Their heritage is rich and inspiring, and their contributions to cultural development and community empowerment are immeasurable. Their story deserves to be honored as part of Oregon's history.

HCR 17 demonstrates a commitment to honoring our immigrant and refugee communities, affirming their legacies and ensuring that their histories receive the recognition they deserve. I strongly urge your support of this bill, and thank you for your dedication.