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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HCR17

Dear Chair and Members of the House Committee on Rules,

My name is Gwendolyn Saing and I am writing to you in support of the House Concurrent Resolution 17, recognizing both the hardship and success of Cambodian Americans. As a second generation Cambodian American, my family arrived in Oregon in 1975 where their outstanding work ethic and achievements contributed to raising me to be who I am today. It is disheartening as I have consistently noticed the lack of knowledge many have when it comes to the Cambodian people. Not only have Cambodian refugees gone through hardships, challenges, and trauma from losing loved ones in the genocide and then adapting to a new country, but have managed to flourish, contribute, and grow in their communities in Oregon.

The opportunity to have recognition for these contributions and to spread awareness of the history of Cambodian Americans wouldn't only be greatly appreciated, but will continue this culture's growth and success for the future.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn Saing