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Grothman Honors the Hmong New Year

(Washington, D.C.) – Congressman Glenn Grothman (R-Glenbeulah) has introduced <u>H. Res.</u> 573, a bipartisan resolution with Representatives Mark Pocan (WI-02), Ron Kind (WI-03), Gwen Moore (WI-04), Mike Gallagher (WI-08), Betty McCollum (MN-04), Doug LaMalfa (CA-01), Barbara Lee (CA-13), Jim Costa (CA-16), Zoe Lofgren (CA-19), Judy Chu (CA-27), Mark Takano (CA-41), Lou Correa (CA-46) and Alan Lowenthal (CA-47), recognizing the cultural and historical significance of the Hmong New Year.

"Wisconsin is the state with the 3rd highest Hmong population and I am privileged to represent one of Wisconsin's largest Hmong communities. Each year I attend the New Year celebrations in my district," said Congressman Grothman. "These celebrations of thanksgiving are an honor to attend – the food, music and dance make these festivals truly special events. I am glad that both sides of the aisle have come together to recognize Hmong Americans' significant role in our communities and their pursuit of the American Dream."

Congressman Pocan added, "I am once again proud to support this resolution honoring the Hmong community in Wisconsin and nationwide. The annual Hmong New Year celebrations are a treasured part of Wisconsin's community and culture and we welcome the opportunity to recognize this wonderful tradition."

"The Hmong New Year is a significant cultural tradition in Minnesota's Fourth District, which is home to our nation's largest Hmong population," **said Congresswoman McCollum.** "With this resolution, I join my Hmong neighbors and constituents in recognizing the holiday, giving thanks for the harvest, and celebrating the year to come."

The Hmong New Year is traditionally celebrated at the end of the rice harvest season in Laos and Southeast Asia in late November and early December. In the United States, the Hmong New Year traditions have carried over, occurring from October through December, and have become significant celebrations for Hmong Americans and many others.

U.S. Rep. Glenn Grothman is serving his third term representing Wisconsin's 6th Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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