



2017 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 83

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- 1 **Relating to:** declaring December 8, 2017, to be General Vang Pao Day in Wisconsin.
- 2 Whereas, General Vang Pao was born on December 8, 1929, and died on
- 3 January 6, 2011; and
- 4 Whereas, General Vang Pao participated in the resistance efforts after the
- 5 Japanese invaded and occupied French Indochina in World War II; and
- 6 Whereas, after World War II, General Vang Pao was recruited by the French to
- 7 combat the Viet Minh and the Communist Pathet Lao; and
- 8 Whereas, General Vang Pao was the only ethnic Hmong to attain the rank of
- 9 general in the Royal Lao Army; and
- 10 Whereas, General Vang Pao commanded the Royal Lao Military Region 2, a
- 11 special guerrilla unit, from 1960 to 1975, with support and training from the U.S.
- 12 Central Intelligence Agency; and
- 13 Whereas, General Vang Pao's army saved hundreds of American pilots whose
- 14 planes were shot down in Northern Laos, protected the U.S. radar system at Phou
- 15 Phathi, and stopped the communist troops from crossing the Ho Chi Minh Trail; and

