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2003 SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 23

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March 13, 2003 - Introduced by Senators WELCH, GEORGE, ZIEN, BROWN, HARSDORF, KANAVAS, DECKER, M. MEYER, CARPENTER, HANSEN, COWLES and ROESSLER, cosponsored by Representatives HUEBSCH, HUNDERTMARK, LADWIG, KREIBICH, J. WOOD, MUSSER, PETROWSKI, VRAKAS, PLALE, SCHOOFF, KRUG, TRAVIS, BOYLE, BALOW, KRAWCZYK, BIES, CULLEN, PLOUFF and HUBER. Referred to Committee on Senate Organization.

1 **Relating to:** declaring May 14 Hmong-Lao Appreciation Day.

2 Whereas, the Hmong-Lao, once an agrarian community from the mountainous
3 regions of northern Laos, were recruited by the Central Intelligence Agency to fight
4 for American interests, and thousands of Hmong-Lao men and young boys fought
5 bravely alongside Americans; and

6 Whereas, the primary missions of the Hmong-Lao were to rescue downed
7 American pilots, gather intelligence, safeguard U.S. radar installations, and conduct
8 both guerrilla and conventional combat; and

9 Whereas, when Americans withdrew from Vietnam in the early 1970s, the
10 Hmong-Lao were left to face the vengeance of the communist Lao and Vietnamese
11 governments, who sought to destroy Hmong-Lao in retaliation for their support of
12 the United States; and

13 Whereas, many Hmong-Lao fled Laos to live in refugee camps in Thailand and
14 then settled in the United States and other countries, of which more than 250,000
15 are living in the United States; and

1 Whereas, General Vang Pao and other Hmong-Lao soldiers and people in Laos
 2 first fled Laos on May 14, 1975, to Thailand and then resettled in the United States
 3 and other countries. There are estimated to be 500,000 Hmong and Lao Americans
 4 in the United States in 2002. These numbers include the refugees who came from
 5 Laos and Thailand and the subsequent children born to these refugees in the United
 6 States in the last 26 years; and

7 Whereas, the U.S. government and Hmong and Lao soldiers and people worked
 8 together to defend peace, security, freedom, and democracy for the United States and
 9 the rest of the free world during the Vietnam War; and assembly

10 Whereas, after the conclusion of the Vietnam War, thousands of Hmong and Lao
 11 soldiers were arrested, imprisoned, and killed by the communist Lao and
 12 Vietnamese governments; now, therefore, be it ~~the~~ senate

13 *Resolved by the ~~senate~~ ^{comma stays} ~~the~~ ~~assembly~~ concurring, That* the members of the
 14 Wisconsin legislature declare may 14 "Hmong-Lao Appreciation Day" for their
 15 heroic contributions on behalf of the United States during the Vietnam War; and, be
 16 it further

17 *Resolved, That* the senate chief clerk shall provide a copy of ~~this joint~~
 18 resolution to the Lao Veterans of Wisconsin, ~~to the president and secretary of the U.S.~~
 19 senate, to the speaker and clerk of the U.S. house of representatives, and to each
 20 member of the congressional delegation from this state attesting the adoption of this
 21 joint resolution by the 2003 legislature of the state of Wisconsin.

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