

2003 SENATE RESOLUTION 13

1 **Relating to:** recognizing the existence of the Hmong culture and its value to all
2 Wisconsinites and the right of the Hmong people to preserve their culture.

3 Whereas, Hmong culture is integral to the identity of Hmong American citizens
4 of Wisconsin and is an invaluable part of the multicultural diversity of this state; and

5 Whereas, the influx of the Hmong has added richness to the “world cultures”
6 represented in American society today; and

7 Whereas, Hmong traditions date back many thousands of years, a dynamic
8 force that holds people together and keeps their culture intact. These practices
9 reinforce the ideas, meanings, and experiences that shape individuals and their
10 communities through their social interactions and interrelationships. Hence, the
11 present is possible only because the past has remained meaningful; and

12 Whereas, overall, Hmong Americans will continue to carry on many of their
13 traditions, for without them the meanings of the self and community would not only
14 be called into question, but seriously threatened; now, therefore, be it

