



State of Wisconsin
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2019 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 154

March 2, 2020 - Introduced by Representatives STUCK, SHANKLAND, ANDERSON, BILLINGS, CABRERA, CONSIDINE, GOYKE, HEBL, HINTZ, L. MYERS, NEUBAUER, SARGENT, C. TAYLOR, VINING, ZAMARRIPA, SUBECK, BROSTOFF and SPREITZER, cosponsored by Senators CARPENTER, SHILLING, SMITH, RINGHAND and LARSON. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** opposing efforts by the State Department and Trump Administration
2 to allow for the deportation of Hmong and Lao U.S. residents to the Lao People's
3 Democratic Republic.

4 Whereas, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, on behalf of the Trump
5 Administration, has engaged in discussions with the Lao People's Democratic
6 Republic; and

7 Whereas, the State Department is calling on Laos to accept deported U.S.
8 residents; and

9 Whereas, Wisconsin is home to over 61,287 Hmong, Lao, Vietnamese,
10 Cambodian, and other ethnic minority groups from Laos, many of whom are refugees
11 as a result of the American War in Southeast Asia; and

12 Whereas, nearly 4,800 Hmong, Lao, and members of other ethnic minority
13 groups from Laos, 8,400 Vietnamese, and 1,500 Cambodian individuals across the
14 country have been served deportation orders; and

1 Whereas, many Hmong, Lao, and other ethnic minority groups from Laos
2 fought alongside United States soldiers in the American War in Southeast Asia; and

3 Whereas, proposed deportation would tear apart families and communities
4 across the state of Wisconsin; and

5 Whereas, Hmong, Lao, and other ethnic minority group refugees from Laos
6 have long-established roots in Wisconsin, and many have no family ties in Laos, do
7 not speak the language, and have never lived in Laos; and

8 Whereas, Vietnamese and Cambodian refugees have already been subject to
9 deportation for years and have faced hardship and retaliation; and

10 Whereas, Hmong, Lao, and other ethnic minority group refugees from Laos
11 ordered to be removed by the U.S. will face the danger of marginalization, violence,
12 or death in Laos; and

13 Whereas, members of Hmong, Lao, and other ethnic minorities of Laos in the
14 state of Wisconsin have picked up the torch in furthering the values and ideas that
15 have forged the state; and

16 Whereas, Hmong, Lao, and other ethnic minorities of Laos communities across
17 the state of Wisconsin have become successful in agriculture and farming, in small
18 business and entrepreneurship, and in working hard to support their families and
19 to make the community a better place to live; now, therefore, be it

20 ***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the Wisconsin
21 Legislature opposes efforts by the State Department and Trump Administration to
22 allow for the deportation of Hmong and Lao U.S. residents to the Lao People's
23 Democratic Republic; and, be it further

