



## 2025 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 40

May 2, 2025 - Introduced by Representatives TENORIO, HONG, MAYADEV, ANDERSON, ANDRACA, ARNEY, BARE, BILLINGS, BROWN, CLANCY, DESANTO, DESMIDT, EMERSON, FITZGERALD, GOODWIN, HAYWOOD, HYSELL, J. JACOBSON, JOERS, JOHNSON, KIRSCH, MADISON, MCCARVILLE, MCGUIRE, MOORE OMOKUNDE, ORTIZ-VELEZ, PALMERI, PHELPS, PRADO, RIVERA-WAGNER, ROE, SINICKI, SNODGRASS, SNYDER, SPAUDE, STROUD, STUBBS, SUBECK, TAYLOR, UDELL, VINING and CRUZ, cosponsored by Senators DRAKE, DASSLER-ALFHEIM, CARPENTER, HABUSH SINYKIN, HESSELBEIN, JACQUE, KEYESKI, L. JOHNSON, LARSON, PFAFF, RATCLIFF, ROYS, SMITH, SPREITZER, WALL and WIRCH. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1     **Relating to:** celebrating 50 years of strength and resilience of the Hmong, Lao,  
2           Cambodian, and Vietnamese people.

3           Whereas, 2025 marks the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Vietnam  
4     War and the Secret War in Laos, conflicts that significantly impacted the lives of  
5     millions in Southeast Asia; and

6           Whereas, 2025 also marks the 50th anniversary of the Fall of Phnom Penh in  
7     Cambodia in 1975; and

8           Whereas, in the aftermath of these events, a substantial number of  
9     individuals of diverse ethnicity from Cambodia, Laos, and Vietnam sought refuge  
10    and resettled in the United States, enriching our nation with their diverse cultures,  
11    traditions, and contributions; and

12          Whereas, such communities largely resettled in Wisconsin, overcoming  
13    adversity to establish vibrant communities that have significantly contributed to  
14    the social, cultural, and economic fabric of our state; and

Whereas, Wisconsin is now home to the third-largest Hmong population in the United States, with communities thriving in cities like Appleton, Sheboygan, Green Bay, Wausau, and Milwaukee; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to honor and commemorate the enduring strength, cultural heritage, and contributions of these Southeast Asian American communities on this significant anniversary; now, therefore, be it

***Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That*** the members of the Wisconsin Legislature honor the resilience of Southeast Asian American communities by commemorating the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the Vietnam War, the conclusion of the Secret War in Laos, and the Fall of Phnom Penh in Cambodia in 1975.

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