



2023 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 43

May 12, 2023 - Introduced by Representatives SNYDER and SPIROS, cosponsored by Senator TOMCZYK. Referred to Committee on Rules.

1 **Relating to:** commemorating Hmong-Lao Veterans Day and honoring the
2 Hmong-Lao veterans who served alongside the United States in the Vietnam
3 War.

4 Whereas, during the Vietnam War, the Central Intelligence Agency and U.S.
5 Armed Forces recruited, organized, trained, and assisted Hmong-Lao forces to
6 combat the North Vietnamese Army and Pathet Lao forces; and

7 Whereas, thousands of Hmong-Lao people courageously fought alongside
8 Americans throughout the Vietnam War and, facing harsh retribution from the
9 Vietnamese and Lao governments following the war's end, many were ultimately
10 forced to flee their homes; and

11 Whereas, on May 14, 1975, the last of the Hmong-Lao soldiers and their
12 families fled Laos for the Nam Phong refugee camp in Thailand to later resettle in
13 communities throughout the United States, including Wisconsin, and today, our
14 state is home to a significant number of Hmong-Lao veterans; and

