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State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



2011 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 6

January 27, 2011 – Introduced by Representatives Shilling, Barca, Bernard Schaber, E. Coggs, Fields, Grigsby, Hintz, Molepske Jr, Pasch, Petrowski, Seidel, Spanbauer, Turner, Zepnick and Ziegelbauer, cosponsored by Senators Kapanke, Cowles, Erpenbach, Grothman, Schultz, Taylor and Vinehout. Referred to Committee on Rules.

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2	Whereas, Vang Pao was born on December 8, 1929, and died on January 6, 2011;
3	and
4	Whereas, Vang Pao participated in the resistance efforts after the Japanese
5	invaded and occupied French Indochina in World War II; and
6	Whereas, after World War II, Vang Pao was recruited by the French to combat
7	the Viet Minh; and
8	Whereas, Vang Pao was the only ethnic Hmong to attain the rank of general in
9	the Royal Lao Army; and
10	Whereas, Vang Pao commanded the Secret Army during the 1960's and 1970's
11	with support and training from the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency; and
12	Whereas, Vang Pao immigrated to the United States after the communist group
13	Pathet Lao seized control of Laos in 1975; and

Relating to: the life and service of General Vang Pao.

1	Whereas, thousands of Hmong refugees followed in Vang Pao's footsteps and
2	bravely escaped persecution and repression in Laos and resettled in the United
3	States; and
4	Whereas, Vang Pao is revered by many in the Hmong community for his
5	leadership and many accomplishments; now, therefore, be it
6	Resolved by the assembly, the senate concurring, That the Wisconsin
7	legislature commemorates the life and service of General Vang Pao, and mourns his
8	passing.
9	(END)