

**SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION**

**S.R. No. 40**

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Introduction  
Referred to Rules and Administration

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1.1 A Senate resolution

1.2 celebrating 50 years of Hmong American communities.

1.3 **WHEREAS**, 2025 marks 50 years of Hmong being Americans, bestowing humility, courage

1.4 and perseverance. The Hmong American trail of tears led back to Southeast Asia and further to

1.5 China many centuries prior; and

1.6 **WHEREAS**, during the Vietnam War, the United States recruited the Hmong in Laos as

1.7 American proxy soldiers to fight in the Secret War from 1961 to 1975; and

1.8 **WHEREAS**, after the United States withdrew its support from Southeast Asia, thousands

1.9 of Hmong families facing persecution were forced to leave Laos beginning May 14th, 1975. They

1.10 fled first to Thailand and then to America; and

1.11 **WHEREAS**, today Hmong Americans and friends celebrate the progress of 50 years, from

1.12 trial and tribulation to self-sufficiency and family stability. Happy Hmong 50! THOV SUAV

1.13 DLAWG NOJ QAAB NYOB ZOO; and

1.14 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it

1.15 honors 50 years of Hmong American communities and thanks the veterans of the Secret War for

1.16 their service.

1.17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare an

1.18 enrolled copy of this resolution, to be authenticated by the Secretary's signature and that of the

1.19 Chair of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, and transmit it to the Fresno Center,

1.20 SGU Veterans and Families of California, and the Lao Veterans of America Institute.

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Rules and Administration

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