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Representative Brostoff's Statement on his Joint Resolution Honoring General Vang Pao

“Earlier this month, our nation celebrated the anniversary of General Vang Pao’s birthday. Despite passing in 2011, he remains monumental in who we are today as a nation.

During the Vietnam War, the United States wanted to stop the transfer of supplies from North Vietnam, rescue American pilots who had been shot down over Laos, and aid anti-Communist forces but was unable to because Laos was officially neutral.

The C.I.A. recruited General Vang Pao to aid the United States. He quickly energized the Hmong people until the United States had 39,000 throughout Laos to assist, risking their lives to save American ones. Following the war, Pao helped resettle tens of thousands of Hmong refugees in Wisconsin, California, and Minnesota.

I have introduced a Joint Resolution to the Legislature that honors Pao’s heroism and efforts. His heroism will not be forgotten.”

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