

ENGROSSED HOUSE  
CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION NO. 1055

By: Kirby

A Concurrent Resolution recognizing July 25, 1999, as  
Oklahoma Lao Veterans Day.

WHEREAS, soldiers serving the United States in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War displayed courage, sacrifice and patriotism under the most trying conditions and are deserving of our steadfast recognition and praise; and

WHEREAS, during the Vietnam War, 40,000 Laotian and Hmong individuals put aside their education and freedom and answered the call to action from the United States, forming a clandestine force which was to protect their homeland from aggressive Communist forces; and

WHEREAS, these soldiers courageously carried out their duties, protecting sensitive United States installations, rescuing downed American pilots, and often holding off tens of thousands of North Vietnamese troops who may have otherwise threatened American forces in Southeast Asia; and

WHEREAS, twenty-two years ago, as Communist forces seized power, these troops were forced to commence a painful exodus from their homeland to Thailand and eventually to the United States in the early 1980s; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 1997, the United States Congress recognized the Hmongs' tremendous sacrifice on behalf of America with a Congressional citation and medal; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for all citizens to recognize the Lao/Hmong Veterans' contributions to the spirit of democracy and to the United States during the Vietnam War. The State of Oklahoma

salutes these veterans for their courage and contributions during this war.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 47TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma Legislature, in accordance with the Governor's Proclamation, recognizes July 25, 1999, as Oklahoma Lao Veterans Day.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 25th day of May, 1999.

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Speaker of the House of  
Representatives

Adopted by the Senate the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1999.

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President of the Senate