



ELK GROVE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ELK GROVE, CALIFORNIA

RESOLUTION NO. 59, 2012-13

35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF THE HMONG AND AB 78

WHEREAS, the Hmong were involved in the Secret War of Laos (1961-1975) which took place during the Vietnam War in support of the United States' military forces;

WHEREAS, the United States' Central Intelligence Agency recruited over 40,000 Hmong to rescue U.S. pilots and in disrupting the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Northern Laos during the Vietnam War;

WHEREAS, in May of 1975 the Vietnam War and the Secret War of Laos ended. As a result, over 300,000 Hmong were relocated to the US;

WHEREAS, in memory of the Hmong and their selfless military service in support of freedom and democracy, Assembly Bill 78 was introduced so the Secret War of Laos would be a part of the curriculum in social sciences or in history in California Public Schools;

WHEREAS, the main part of interest concerns Hmong's critical role in the Secret War of Laos, part of the Vietnam War, which is a part of American History;

WHEREAS, AB 78 recommends to teachers from grades 7 to 12 to teach students about this war; AB 78 was passed and signed into law;

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED, that on May 21, 2013, we celebrate and honor the Hmong on the 35th year of their arrival anniversary and the encouragement of all schools to teach this important chapter of American History.