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State of Minnesota

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 5180

04/02/2024 Authored by Nash and Wiens The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Legacy Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to arts and culture; appropriating money to commemorate Vietnam
1.3 War/Southeast Asian conflict.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. APPROPRIATION; 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF VIETNAM
1.6 WAR/SOUTHEAST ASIAN CONFLICT.

1.7 (a) \$300,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the arts and cultural heritage fund
1.8 to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Humanities Center for a joint commemoration
1.9 program for the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War/Southeast Asian conflict that recognizes
1.10 and honors the contributions of the Vietnamese, Lao, Cambodian, and Hmong and Minnesota
1.11 Vietnam veterans.

1.12 (b) The Minnesota Humanities Center must consult with the Council on Asian Pacific
1.13 Minnesotans in preparing the program, to leverage the unique skills sets and relationships
1.14 that the council has developed in the four Southeast Asian Minnesotan communities and
1.15 the broader communities. These relationships will help ensure the ability of the smaller,
1.16 less-experienced communities to participate in the design, implementation, and hosting of
1.17 a once-in-a-lifetime commemoration program that reflects the significance of the 50th
1.18 anniversary of the Vietnam War/Southeast Asian conflict. The Minnesota Humanities Center
1.19 and the council must ensure that the collaboration between these communities, a first of its
1.20 kind, will lead to a successful commemoration program for Minnesota and the nation.

1.21 (c) Any money remaining after the joint commemoration program is completed may be
1.22 used by the Minnesota Humanities Center for other authorized purposes and is available
1.23 until expended.