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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to State and Local Government and Veterans

OFFICIAL STATUS

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to state government; appropriating money to construct the John Francis  
1.3 Wheaton Memorial.

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

1.5 Section 1. **MEMORIAL COMMEMORATING JOHN FRANCIS WHEATON.**

1.6 Subject to approval by the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board, the  
1.7 commissioner of administration shall place a memorial on the State Capitol grounds in front  
1.8 of the Department of Transportation to honor John Francis Wheaton, the first black legislator  
1.9 in state history and the first black individual to graduate from the University of Minnesota  
1.10 Law School.

1.11 Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION; JOHN FRANCIS WHEATON MEMORIAL STATUE.**

1.12 \$...... in fiscal year 2024 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of  
1.13 administration to construct the John Francis Wheaton Memorial in section 1.