

S.F. No. 2314, as introduced - 87th Legislative Session (2011-2012) [12-5606]

2.1 WHEREAS, the Khmer Freedom Fighters facilitated the evacuation of the United States
2.2 Embassy in Phnom Penh on April 12, 1975; and

2.3 WHEREAS, the Khmer Freedom Fighters are still subject to intimidation, ridicule,
2.4 discrimination, and death if identified in Cambodia today; and

2.5 WHEREAS, veterans of the Khmer Serei and the Khmer National Armed Forces defended
2.6 human rights, freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and freedom of representation and
2.7 association, as well as life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

2.8 WHEREAS, the Khmer Freedom Fighters have never received official recognition from the
2.9 United States government for their heroic efforts and support; NOW, THEREFORE,

2.10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it officially affirms
2.11 and recognizes the Khmer Freedom Fighters and the Cambodian people for their support and
2.12 defense of United States military forces, freedom, and democracy in Southeast Asia, and urges
2.13 the President and the Congress of the United States and all other state legislatures in the United
2.14 States to do the same.

2.15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is
2.16 directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States,
2.17 the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the
2.18 United States House of Representatives, the presiding officers of both houses of the legislatures of
2.19 each of the other states of the union, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.