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03/21/2024	12532	Introduction and first reading Referred to Environment, Climate, and Legacy

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A bill for an act

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relating to arts and culture; appropriating money to commemorate Vietnam

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War/Southeast Asian conflict.

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

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Section 1. APPROPRIATION; 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF VIETNAM

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WAR/SOUTHEAST ASIAN CONFLICT.

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(a) \$300,000 in fiscal year 2025 is appropriated from the arts and cultural heritage fund

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to the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Humanities Center for a joint commemoration

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program for the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War/Southeast Asian conflict that recognizes

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and honors the contributions of the Vietnamese, Lao, Cambodian, and Hmong and Minnesota

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Vietnam veterans.

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(b) The Minnesota Humanities Center must consult with the Council on Asian Pacific

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Minnesotans in preparing the program, to leverage the unique skills sets and relationships

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that the council has developed in the four Southeast Asian Minnesotan communities and

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the broader communities. These relationships will help ensure the ability of the smaller,

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less-experienced communities to participate in the design, implementation, and hosting of

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a once-in-a-lifetime commemoration program that reflects the significance of the 50th

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anniversary of the Vietnam War/Southeast Asian conflict. The Minnesota Humanities Center

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and the council must ensure that the collaboration between these communities, a first of its

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kind, will lead to a successful commemoration program for Minnesota and the nation.

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(c) Any money remaining after the joint commemoration program is completed may be

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used by the Minnesota Humanities Center for other authorized purposes and is available

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until expended.