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Dear Friends,

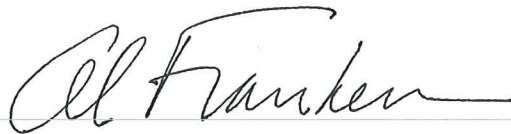
Congratulations to the Hmong Cultural Center on 20 years of incredible service to both the Minnesota Hmong American Community and the State of Minnesota. For two decades, your programs have provided education on the virtues of Hmong Culture to Minnesota.

With the establishment of the Hmong Resource Library, the Hmong Cultural Center has provided significant opportunities to learn about and celebrate this vibrant culture. Throughout 20 years, your diligent efforts collecting Hmong and Non-Hmong authors' and artists' work representing the Hmong experience has led the Hmong Resource Library to become the premiere resource for all who want to learn about the Hmong.

The Hmong Cultural Center has also played a vital role in preserving Hmong traditions among young Hmong Minnesotans. Your organization has provided important courses around traditional folk songs, instruments, and dance lessons. Having attended many events in the Hmong community, I have seen firsthand these young performers and their beautiful crafts. I sincerely congratulate the organization on its many accomplishments.

In honor of this milestone, it is my privilege to present this flag, which has been flown over the United States Capitol, to the Hmong Cultural Center. Thank you again for your continued service to our communities and I look forward to future successes of the Hmong Cultural Center in the coming years.

Sincerely,



Al Franken
United States Senator