

2.1 WHEREAS, the residents of the District of Columbia lack full democracy, equality, and
2.2 citizenship enjoyed by the residents of the 50 states; and

2.3 WHEREAS, the United States Congress has repeatedly interfered with the District of
2.4 Columbia's limited self-government by enacting laws that affect the District of Columbia's
2.5 expenditure of its locally raised tax revenue, including barring the usage of locally raised revenue,
2.6 thus violating the fundamental principle that states and local governments are best suited to enact
2.7 legislation that represents the will of its citizens; and

2.8 WHEREAS, although the District of Columbia has passed consecutive balanced budgets
2.9 since fiscal year 1997, it still faces the possibility of being shut down yearly because of Congressional
2.10 deliberations over the federal budget; and

2.11 WHEREAS, District of Columbia Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton and Delaware U.S.
2.12 Senator Tom Carper introduced in the 118th Congress H.R. 51 and S. 51, the Washington, D.C.
2.13 Admission Act, that provides that the State of Washington, D.C. would have all the rights of
2.14 citizenship as taxpaying American citizens, including two Senators and at least one House of
2.15 Representatives member; and

2.16 WHEREAS, the United Nations Human Rights Committee has called on the United States
2.17 Congress to address the District of Columbia's lack of political equality, and the Organization of
2.18 American States has declared the disenfranchisement of the District of Columbia residents a violation
2.19 of its charter agreement, to which the United States is a signatory; NOW, THEREFORE,

2.20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the President
2.21 and the Congress of the United States to admit Washington, D.C. into the Union as a State of the
2.22 United States of America; and

2.23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed
2.24 to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States, the
2.25 President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States
2.26 House of Representatives, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.