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1.1 A resolution

1.2 urging Congress and the President of the United States to pass H.R. 1384 to define as

1.3 veterans former members of the National Guard who served in the National Guard

1.4 for 20 or more years and are entitled to retired pay for nonregular service, regardless

1.5 of whether they served 180 continuous days of active duty service.

1.6 WHEREAS, members of the National Guard perform an invaluable role as citizen soldiers

1.7 and are an important component of our overall force structure; and

1.8 WHEREAS, National Guard members support the active duty component by responding in

1.9 times of national emergency, standing ready to be called to active duty service, and deploying to

1.10 overseas missions in times of need; and

1.11 WHEREAS, National Guard members answer the call to serve when natural disasters

1.12 and states of emergency happen; and

1.13 WHEREAS, under current Title 38 of the United States Code, a National Guard member is

1.14 not defined as a veteran unless the National Guard member has served a period of 180 continuous

1.15 days of active duty service; NOW, THEREFORE,

1.16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the Congress

1.17 of the United States to pass and the President of the United States to sign H.R. 1384 that defines

1.18 as veterans former members of the National Guard who served in the National Guard for 20 or

1.19 more years and are entitled to retired pay for nonregular service, regardless of whether they served

1.20 180 continuous days of active duty service.

1.21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is

1.22 directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United

1.23 States, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of

- 2.1 the United States House of Representatives, the chair of the Senate Committee on Energy and
- 2.2 Natural Resources, the chair of the House Committee on Natural Resources, and Minnesota's
- 2.3 Senators and Representatives in Congress.