

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the United States Congress, and most particularly the Minnesota Congressional Delegation, to recognize the special role of the Veteran's Administration health care system and strive to maintain this system in Minnesota with adequate funding.

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

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#### RESOLUTION 7—H.F.No. 575

*A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to immediately direct the Farmers Home Administration to participate in and cooperate with the Farmer-Lender Mediation Program in the State of Minnesota.*

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has established a Farmer-Lender Mediation program which is mandatory for private lenders in Minnesota who wish to enforce a security agreement secured by agricultural property; and

WHEREAS, mediation protects the interests of lenders while affording farmers an opportunity to contend in a rational manner with the catastrophe facing them in the farm economy; and

WHEREAS, the primary purpose of the Farmer-Lender Mediation Program is to facilitate improved communication between farmers and lenders; and

WHEREAS, over 5,000 mediation cases have been negotiated and settled or are in progress at the time this resolution is being considered; and

WHEREAS, the Farmer-Lender Mediation Program has proven highly successful at bringing farmers and lenders together to resolve conflicts in a positive, constructive manner; and

WHEREAS, the Farmers Home Administration currently holds approximately 10,500 farm accounts in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, about 2,950 of the farm accounts held by Farmers Home Administration in Minnesota are in arrears or in default; and

WHEREAS, the Farmers Home Administration has failed and refused to cooperate with the Farmer-Lender Mediation Program in the State of Minnesota; NOW, THEREFORE,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the Congress of the United States should immediately enact and the President of the United States should approve legislation directing the Farmers Home Administration to participate in and cooperate with the Farmer-Lender Mediation Program in the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to transmit certified copies of this memorial to the President of the United States, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry of the United States Senate, the Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture of the United States House of Representatives, the Minnesota Representatives and Senators in Congress, the United States Secretary of Agriculture, the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development, and the Minnesota State Director for the Farmers Home Administration.

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#### RESOLUTION 8—H.F.No. 1145

*A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to award posthumous Medals of Freedom to Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner, and James Chaney.*

WHEREAS, in June 1964, three young American citizens, Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner, and James Chaney, went to Neshoba County, Mississippi, to work for black citizens' voting rights; and

WHEREAS, with the active connivance of county officials who had sworn to uphold the constitution and laws, the three were abducted, murdered, and interred where it was believed they would never be found by family and friends; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Medal of Freedom was intended to recognize the actions of those who have contributed substantially to the spirit of American freedom; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Medal of Freedom honors Americans who have made an exceptional contribution to national interest, world peace, and culture, so it is appropriate to recognize Goodman, Schwerner, and Chaney who gave their lives in pursuit of securing the free exercise of the right to vote by black citizens in the south; and

WHEREAS, it is particularly appropriate to recognize the contribution of these three heroic people; and

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