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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law

1.1 A resolution
1.2 memorializing the President of the United States to respect and comply with the rulings
1.3 of the Judicial Branch in recognition of the Judicial Branch as a separate and co-equal
1.4 branch of government, as contemplated by the United States Constitution.
1.5 WHEREAS, the United States is the world's oldest democracy and the only country that has
1.6 enjoyed continuous democracy for over 200 years; and
1.7 WHEREAS, to safeguard this democracy, the Founding Fathers established a Republic with
1.8 three co-equal branches of government, building a system of checks and balances that are articulated
1.9 in the United States Constitution; and
1.10 WHEREAS, the ability of any democracy to survive and flourish relies on a strong respect
1.11 for the Rule of Law, a concept that is enshrined numerous times in the nation's Founding Documents:
1.12 the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, and the Bill of Rights; and
1.13 WHEREAS, President Trump has challenged the authority of the courts and questioned their
1.14 rulings in a succession of recent cases, criticizing judges that rule against him and calling for their
1.15 removal; and
1.16 WHEREAS, in an extraordinary display of the escalating conflict between the Executive and
1.17 Judicial Branches, Chief Justice John Roberts rejected calls for impeaching judges shortly after
1.18 President Trump demanded such removal, stating "For more than two centuries, it has been
1.19 established that impeachment is not an appropriate response to disagreement concerning a judicial
1.20 decision"; and
1.21 WHEREAS, in spite of a 6 to 3 conservative majority, the United States Supreme Court has
1.22 ruled unanimously against the Trump administration and ordered it to facilitate the release of Kilmar
1.23 Ábrego García, who was mistakenly deported to a mega-jail in El Salvador, in compliance with a
1.24 District Court's Order; and

2.1 WHEREAS, thus far the Trump administration, in defiance of the Supreme Court's decision
2.2 and rejection of its authority, continues to ignore the *Ábrego García* Order, arguing that the District
2.3 Court does not have the power to issue such an order and sought an Appeals Court to block the
2.4 lower court's ruling; and

2.5 WHEREAS, the Appeals Court, in an opinion written by conservative judge and Ronald
2.6 Reagan appointee Harvie Wilkinson III, issued a scathing rebuke of the Trump administration,
2.7 calling its defiance in this case "shocking" and imploring the Trump Administration to respect the
2.8 Rule of Law, warning that it is "all too possible to see in this case an incipient crisis"; NOW,
2.9 THEREFORE,

2.10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the President
2.11 of the United States to respect and comply with the rulings of the Judicial Branch in recognition
2.12 of the Judicial Branch's authority as a separate and co-equal branch of government under Article
2.13 III of the United States Constitution.

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