

A resolution

encouraging the U.S. Border Patrol to retain its office in Minnesota and locate its new facility in Hallock, Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the United States Border Patrol is looking to relocate its operations from a building in Noyes, Minnesota, and has stated that Hallock, Minnesota is on a short list of locations being considered; and

WHEREAS, Hallock, Minnesota is only 22 miles from the Pembina Port of Entry, a city which maintains an airport with a 4,007-foot runway and instrument landing capabilities; and

WHEREAS, the city of Hallock has avoided flooding, a problem that has plagued other Red River Valley communities, including Interstate 29 south of the Pembina Port of Entry; and

WHEREAS, the city of Hallock has several sites available and is prepared to work with the agency to ensure that the needed land is affordable; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota wishes to retain this valuable operation within the state; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it encourages the U.S. Border Patrol to retain its operation in Minnesota and locate its new facility in Hallock, Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the U.S. Border Patrol.