

RESOLUTION No. 2—S. F. No. 27.

A concurrent resolution memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to preserve inviolate the state rights as provided in the Constitution.

WHEREAS, we are engaged in a great world war fighting for the preservation of democratic principles, our form of government and the American way of life, and

WHEREAS, these issues, now on trial, have caused the American people to reexamine the basic concepts of our form of government to reaffirm their loyalty and devotion to our Federal type as established by our fathers, and

WHEREAS, the Federal form of government was created to insure a positive division of powers, conferring upon the national specified enumerated powers and reserving to the States all others, and

WHEREAS, under this form we have enjoyed unexcelled progress, the full realization of life, liberty and pursuit of happiness and the enviable position of being the peer of all nations, and

WHEREAS, it has ever been our cherished policy to keep government as close to the people as possible in order to effect desired economies, more direct participation and more rigid control of problems, sectional and local in character, and

WHEREAS, there are apparent dangerous tendencies on the part of the national government to increase its powers at the expense of the States; reducing State rights and centralizing authority in Washington, definitely reserved to the States and their subdivisions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring, that we deplore this tendency and view with alarm any and all encroachment upon our State Rights granted under the Constitution, and that we strongly urge the executive and legislative branches of our national government to be diligent in adhering to the rights and powers as expressed and defined in the Supreme Law of the Land, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States, to each presiding officer of all State Legislative bodies now in session and to each member of the Minnesota delegation in Congress.

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