

the cost of maintaining indigent Indians on the Red Lake closed reservation; and,

WHEREAS, the financial burden to the State of Minnesota and counties within which said reservation is located is becoming increasingly serious; and,

WHEREAS, most Indians living on closed reservation are not subject to the civil or criminal jurisdiction of the courts of the State of Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, for proper administration of the various public assistance programs it is essential that the persons receiving such public assistance be subject to the jurisdiction of such courts; and,

WHEREAS, the financial responsibility toward said Indians, individually and collectively, is rightfully and justly a federal problem;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring herein, that recognition be given this problem by the President and the Congress of the United States to the end that the United States Government assume full financial responsibility for the maintenance of all indigent Indians, including those receiving social security assistance benefits, who are members of and reside upon the Red Lake Indian Reservation in the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State be instructed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, and to each member of Congress from the State of Minnesota.

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#### RESOLUTION No. 16—S. F. No. 1382

*A concurrent resolution memorializing Congress to cause to be issued coins commemorating the Minnesota Territorial Centennial in 1949.*

WHEREAS the Organic Act of Congress to establish the Territory of Minnesota was enacted March 3, 1849; and

WHEREAS plans are being made for a state wide celebration of this Centennial in 1949; and

WHEREAS in other State observances commemorative coins have been issued by the United States Treasury;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

That Congress be requested to enact such legislation as is necessary to authorize and direct the United States Treasury to issue one hundred fifty thousand commemorative half dollar coins, dated 1949, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said coins be delivered to the Minnesota Historical Society upon payment therefor and that said Society be, and it hereby is, authorized to arrange for the sale and distribution thereof.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be sent to the members of Congress from the State of Minnesota.

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RESOLUTION No. 17—S. F. No. 1337

*A joint resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States respecting the establishment of wilderness or roadless areas in the Superior National Forest.*

WHEREAS the region known as the wilderness canoe country in the Superior National Forest in northern Minnesota, adjacent to the international boundary, with its myriad lakes and streams, wooded shores, virgin forests, and other natural attractions of surpassing scenic beauty, is the largest area of its kind remaining free from artificial developments in the United States; and

WHEREAS there is a widespread desire among the people of the State of Minnesota and throughout the nation that the resources and attractions of this region be preserved forever unspoiled for the enjoyment of present and future generations; and

WHEREAS the rare wilderness character of the region is now threatened with commercial exploitation unless immediate action is taken by the federal government to acquire those portions of the area remaining in private ownership, so as to protect the natural attractions thereon and secure the same for public use, together with the lands already in public ownership; and