

1981

SESSION RESOLUTIONS

ENROLLED AND DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

RESOLUTION 1 — H.F.No. 486

A resolution memorializing the Congress and the President of the United States to avoid direct military involvement in El Salvador.

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of Minnesota are deeply concerned by reports that allege that United States military and economic aid to El Salvador is being used for the support of a junta, noted for tolerating terrorism; and,

WHEREAS, this terrorism is evidenced by the murders of at least seven American citizens, including church personnel, labor organizers and a businessman; and,

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has announced his opposition to all terrorism; and,

WHEREAS, the citizens of Minnesota fervently wish to avoid United States involvement in another war similar to Vietnam; and,

WHEREAS, United States involvement in such a war may be prevented by avoiding direct military participation in El Salvador; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the President and the Congress are urged to avoid all direct military involvement in El Salvador and to condemn terrorism of both the right and the left in that country..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in cooperation with our allies, we condemn the military involvement in El Salvador by outside Communist governments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is instructed to transmit copies of this memorial to the President

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of the United States, the Secretary of State of the United States, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Chief Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, and to the Minnesota Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved May 8, 1981

RESOLUTION 2 — S.F.No. 1370

A resolution declaring Raoul Wallenberg to be an honorary citizen of the State of Minnesota and memorializing the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to return him to his native country.

WHEREAS, in January 1944 the War Refugee Board was established by the United States to organize rescue operations to free persons being persecuted during World War II; and,

WHEREAS, the War Refugee Board requested Sweden to send a representative to Hungary; and,

WHEREAS, the Swedish representative, Raoul Wallenberg, is considered responsible for having saved the lives of 20,000 Jewish citizens in Hungary through the issuance of protective Swedish passports beginning in July 1944; and,

WHEREAS, Raoul Wallenberg is recognized as saving indirectly the lives of an additional 70,000 Jewish citizens in Hungary through collaborative efforts in the latter half of 1944 with neutralist representatives in Budapest and the Jewish Community in Hungary; and,

WHEREAS, Raoul Wallenberg was taken into Soviet "protective custody" on January 13, 1945, in violation of international standards of diplomatic immunity; and,

WHEREAS, Soviet officials originally denied having custody of Wallenberg, but subsequently stated that a prisoner named "Wallenberg" died in a Soviet prison on July 17, 1947; and,

WHEREAS, in 1949 he was nominated by Albert Einstein for the Nobel Peace Prize; and,

WHEREAS, reports from the Soviet Union suggest that Raoul Wallenberg is alive; and,

WHEREAS, the continued internment of Wallenberg is in direct contravention of the Final Act of the Helsinki Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe which requires signatories to "fulfill in good faith their obligations under international law"; and,

WHEREAS, documents released by the Swedish Foreign Ministry in January 1980 indicate diplomatic efforts by the Swedish Government have not fully clarified the status of Raoul Wallenberg; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, on the part of all the people of Minnesota, that it honors Raoul Wallenberg for his

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