

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

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### 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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outstanding work on behalf of those persecuted in Hungary during World War II by declaring that Raoul Wallenberg is an honorary citizen of the State of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Raoul Wallenberg's prompt return from the Soviet Union to his native country is demanded.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Department of State is urged to take all possible steps to secure the return of Raoul Wallenberg to his native country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to send copies of this memorial to the Secretary of State of the United States, the Ambassador of Sweden to the United States, and the Ambassador of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics to the United States.

Approved May 27, 1981

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#### RESOLUTION 3 — S.F.No. 674

*A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to seek a settlement of the White Earth Indian Reservation controversy.*

WHEREAS, there has been considerable controversy in communities lying on or near the White Earth Indian Reservation in regard to questions of jurisdiction relating to the enforcement of game and fish laws, the enforcement of land claims, environmental regulation, and a number of other matters; and,

WHEREAS, the conflict arising from these controversies has reached the extent that it is causing intense strife between the various factions in the communities surrounding the White Earth Indian Reservation; and,

WHEREAS, this conflict is beginning to have an undesirable effect upon land values and the quality of life on and around the White Earth Indian Reservation; and,

WHEREAS, the resolution of these disputes would be a major step in improving the relations between the groups currently in disagreement; and,

WHEREAS, the federal government possesses the powers and abilities to most suitably settle these controversies; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the President of the United States and the United States Congress should seek a settlement to this controversy which equitably and adequately addresses the concerns of all of the parties involved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State is directed to transmit copies of this memorial to the President of the United States, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and the Minnesota Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved May 29, 1981

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