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SESSION RESOLUTIONS

ENROLLED AND DEPOSITED
WITH THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

RESOLUTION 4 — H.F.No. 1693

A resolution memorializing the governments of the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to take all possible actions to determine the fate of persons missing in action in Southeast Asia.

WHEREAS, almost nine years have elapsed since the Paris agreement that was to have ended American involvement in the war in Southeast Asia; and,

WHEREAS, one of the conditions of that agreement was provision for a return or accounting for prisoners of war and persons missing in action; and,

WHEREAS, the government of Vietnam has only provided information on 79 of the missing and this only through the pressure of determined families and dedicated congressmen; and,

WHEREAS, 2,490 Americans, including 45 Minnesotans, remain unaccounted for with investigation of their status arrested by failure of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and its allied governments to cooperate and assist; and,

WHEREAS, there have been repeated verified sighting reports that some of the missing men are still alive in Southeast Asia; and,

WHEREAS, the sorrow, anxiety, and frustration of the families of these men cannot be dispelled by delay or neglect; and,

WHEREAS, it is America's duty to ensure, through an authentic, comprehensive investigation, the return of Americans still in Southeast Asia and to account for Americans who have perished there; and,

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WHEREAS, Congress has established a Task Force on American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia that has held hearings on the evidence relating to the status of the missing in Southeast Asia; and,

WHEREAS, another hearing of the Task Force will be held on January 27, 1982, the ninth anniversary of the Paris accords, at which Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger have been invited to testify on present initiatives to achieve more success on learning the status of the missing men; and,

WHEREAS, *it is absolutely essential that the governments of the United* States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam act NOW to account for the missing; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the government of the United States should do all it can to answer the questions surrounding the status of the missing men, to secure the return of any living prisoners or missing persons, and to secure the return of the remains of the dead.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Socialist Republic of Vietnam should immediately yield all information it has on the status of the missing especially since there is no reason for them to refuse to give this information other than a calculated effort to protract the agony of the families of the missing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of Minnesota is directed to send certified copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the United States House of Representatives, the chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations of the United States Senate, to the Minnesota Representatives and Senators in Congress and to the Permanent Representatives of the 'Socialist Republic of Vietnam to the United Nations.

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RESOLUTION 5 — H.F.No. 1612
A resolution memorializing the life and work of Sigurd F. Olson.

WHEREAS, Sigurd F. Olson was born in 1899 in Chicago, Illinois, and was raised near Ashland, Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, he came to Ely, Minnesota, about 1920 to teach biology and zoology at Ely Junior College where he soon developed a love for the nearby Quetico-Superior Wilderness area; and,

WHEREAS, although he was an inspiring teacher, he decided to leave teaching in order to devote himself full time to writing and efforts to preserve the wilderness areas; and,

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