

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.

Approved January 29, 1982

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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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WHEREAS, he is the author of "The Singing Wilderness," "Listening Point," "The Lonely Land," "Runes of the North," "Open Horizons," "Reflections From the North Country," "The Hidden Forest," "Sigurd F. Olson's Wilderness Days," and his soon to be published "Of Time and Place;" and,

WHEREAS, his writings followed a common theme that humanity is a part of nature and cannot be separated from it; and,

WHEREAS, his books and other writings inspired people world wide and will continue to do so for generations to come; and,

WHEREAS, he made the northern Minnesota wilderness areas known throughout the world and which now form an important part of the cultural heritage of Minnesota; and,

WHEREAS, he was a leader of the ecology movement long before most people understood what "ecology" was all about; and,

WHEREAS, almost 50 years ago, while a wilderness guide near Ely, he led other guides in a successful fight to halt a large development project in the wilderness area near Ely; and,

WHEREAS, he fought for wilderness preservation areas that eventually became the Boundary Waters Canoe Area and Voyageurs National Park and was the foremost authority on the ecology of those wilderness areas; and,

WHEREAS, he was a nationally recognized speaker and activist on environmental preservation; and,

WHEREAS, he was former President of the Wilderness Society of the National Parks Association, an active member of other conservation organizations, the holder of four honorary doctorate degrees, a consultant to the Izaak Walton League and the United States Interior Department, a recipient of the John Muir award, and a member of the Izaak Walton League's Hall of Fame; and,

WHEREAS, he was a man of uncommon wisdom and boundless energy who will be missed very much not only by those who knew him but by all of human kind who profited from his life and work; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

(1) It commends to the people of the State of Minnesota the record of Sigurd F. Olson as a life, work, and spirit worth emulation.

(2) It extends its condolences to his wife, Elizabeth, to his sons, Sigurd Jr. and Robert, his grandchildren and greatgrandchildren, and to all his friends.

(3) The Secretary of State is directed to present a certified copy, prepared in a form suitable for presentation, to Elizabeth Olson.

Approved March 8, 1982

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