

anticipation and hope for a true accounting of their loved ones and the return of the remains of those who died as a result of the war.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the government of the United States should do all it can to answer the questions surrounding the status of the missing Americans, and to secure the return of the remains of the dead. It should not reject the now apparent willingness of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to cooperate in accounting for the missing and the return of remains.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Socialist Republic of Vietnam is requested to yield all information it has on the status of the missing Americans.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the 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 February 5, 1985

RESOLUTION 2 — S.F.No. 1231

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to take immediate steps to reduce acid deposition.

WHEREAS, acid deposition is one of the most serious unaddressed environmental problems of the North American continent; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature in 1982 stated that acid deposition resulting from the conduct of commercial, industrial, and transportation operations both within and without the state poses a present and severe danger to the delicate balance of ecological systems within the state, and that the failure to act promptly and decisively to mitigate or eliminate this danger will result in untold and irreparable damage to the forest, agriculture, water, fish, and wildlife resources of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Legislature in 1982 passed this nation's first state program to control acid deposition; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota businesses and industries have reduced emissions more than 50 percent over the last ten years; and

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WHEREAS, recent studies indicate that lakes in the Voyageurs National Park, Superior National Forest, and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness are highly sensitive to acid deposition; and

WHEREAS, acid deposition has a potential of destroying crops, reducing forest productivity, debilitating aquatic life cycles, and corroding metals and man-made structures; and

WHEREAS, acid deposition can contribute to the increasing levels of heavy metal concentrations in surface and groundwaters which can pose a threat to human health; and

WHEREAS, acid deposition that may cause acidification of lakes and loss or reduction of game fish threatens the sport-fishing industry of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the pollutants responsible for acid deposition can be carried hundreds of miles from their source which reflects the national and international nature of the acid deposition problem; and

WHEREAS, approximately 70 percent of acidic deposition in Minnesota results from sources outside the state of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the current federal Clean Air Act and Environmental Protection Agency regulations do not specifically address the acid deposition issue or provide relief to states like Minnesota that are significantly affected by the long-range transport of air pollutants; and

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Province of Ontario for the purpose of sharing scientific data and technical expertise, collaborating on efforts to develop a better understanding of the causes and effects of acid deposition, and on the establishment of integrated national action plans to reduce and prevent emissions; and

WHEREAS, Canada has announced the adoption of a comprehensive emission reduction and funding package to combat the acid deposition problem by mounting an aggressive effort to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions by 50 percent by 1994, and in so doing, recognized the threat posed by acid deposition; and

WHEREAS, present and future generations of Minnesotans will be adversely affected by any delay in establishing federal controls of emissions that cause acid deposition; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that the President and Congress should take immediate action to reduce the emission of pollutants that cause acid deposition by amendment to the Clean Air Act, or by separate comprehensive legislation, and by providing adequate funding to the Environmental Protection Agency for monitoring and enforcement.

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

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

Approved April 29, 1985

RESOLUTION 3 — H.F.No. 886

A resolution memorializing the governments of the United States and Sweden that the State of Minnesota adopts the County of Kronoberg as a sister state.

WHEREAS, the County of Kronoberg is similar to the State of Minnesota in its orientation toward forestry and industry; and

WHEREAS, the County of Kronoberg is renowned for its forests and recreational opportunities as is the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, both Kronoberg and Minnesota are rich in educational institutions and cultural life; and

WHEREAS, both Kronoberg and Minnesota have free and vigorous democratic institutions; and

WHEREAS, many citizens of Minnesota directly trace their family roots to the County of Kronoberg in Smaland; and

WHEREAS, a sister state relationship between the County of Kronoberg and the State of Minnesota will establish greater cooperation and understanding between the people of Kronoberg and this state; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it declares that the County of Kronoberg, Sweden, is the sister state of Minnesota. It invites the people and government of Kronoberg to work with Minnesotans to establish mutually beneficial social, economic, educational, and cultural programs to bring our respective citizens together and strengthen international understanding and goodwill.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to prepare certified copies of this memorial and forward them to the President and Secretary of State of the United States, and to his Royal Majesty the King of Sweden, and the Prime Minister and the Foreign Minister of Sweden, and to appropriate officials of the County of Kronoberg in Smaland.

Approved May 1, 1985

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