

**RESOLUTION 1-H.F.No. 14**

*A resolution expressing support for our armed forces in the conflict with Iraq; urging support for military families in the United States, calling on the governor to declare a day of prayer for peace, and supporting the President in negotiating a peaceful settlement.*

WHEREAS, the President of the United States, with the authorization of Congress, has ordered military action against Iraq in an effort to force Iraqi Armed Forces from occupied Kuwait; and

WHEREAS, more than 500,000 men and women of the United States Armed Forces are now involved in armed conflict; and

WHEREAS, 158,000 members of the Reserves and National Guard have been called to active duty since August 22, 1990, and approximately 2,400 from Minnesota have become involved in armed conflict; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Minnesota have great pride in the men and women of the United States Armed Forces and support them in their efforts; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Minnesota deeply appreciate the great personal sacrifices being made by our military personnel in the Persian Gulf and by their families and loved ones back home; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it joins Congress in unequivocally supporting the men and women of our Armed Forces who are carrying out their missions with professional excellence, dedicated patriotism, and exemplary bravery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the President in negotiating a peaceful settlement of the conflict.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it calls upon all the parties to the conflict to minimize civilian casualties and to honor international law including the Geneva Convention on prisoners of war.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges federal, state, and local government agencies, religious institutions, employers, schools, charitable organizations, and all our citizens to do all that is humanly possible to assist the families and loved ones of our Armed Forces members with all necessary and available support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests the Governor of the State of Minnesota to declare a day of prayer for peace and to ask all religious institutions to participate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature deplores the burning or disrespectful use of our National Flag and reaffirms its support for the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

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

Presented to the governor February 21, 1991

Signed by the governor February 21, 1991, 8:55 p.m.