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2.1 WHEREAS, Minnesota is a top agriculture exporter, with soybeans and corn accounting for
2.2 nearly 40 percent of the state's total export value, both of which among Cuba's major agricultural
2.3 imports; under an ideal trade scenario, Minnesota farmers could enjoy at least \$45 million in new
2.4 exports annually; the state's total economic benefit would be nearly \$92 million, including 900 new
2.5 jobs; and

2.6 WHEREAS, ending the American embargo against Cuba will boost the Cuban economy and
2.7 lead to an improved quality of life for the Cuban people; through congressional action, breaking
2.8 down the barriers between Americans and Cubans will expand diplomatic relations, travel,
2.9 partnerships, and trade, allowing all citizens the opportunity to discover and reconnect on mutual
2.10 interests, benefiting Cubans and Americans alike; NOW, THEREFORE,

2.11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it supports national
2.12 efforts to remove all trade, financial, and travel restrictions on Cuba and urges the President and
2.13 the Congress of the United States to take all necessary steps to see that this end is accomplished.

2.14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed
2.15 to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States, the
2.16 President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United
2.17 States House of Representatives, the chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and
2.18 Forestry, the chair of the House Committee on Agriculture, and Minnesota's Senators and
2.19 Representatives in Congress.