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1.1 A resolution

1.2 memorializing Lac qui Parle county attorney to drop the charges against Angela
 1.3 Brown.

1.4 WHEREAS, the Lac qui Parle county attorney filed two gross misdemeanor charges against
 1.5 Angela Brown for child endangerment for permitting a child to be present while possessing a
 1.6 controlled substance and contributing to the need for child protection or services for giving her
 1.7 son, Trey, cannabis oil to relieve pain from a traumatic brain injury suffered in April 2011 when
 1.8 he was struck in the head with a ball while playing in a baseball game with friends; and

1.9 WHEREAS, resulting from the injury, Angela Brown's son has pain so intense that he has
 1.10 headaches, muscle spasms, and seizures, and has self-harming behaviors that have resulted in a
 1.11 broken nose, broken clavicle, and wanting to end his life; and

1.12 WHEREAS, after exhausting all other options to help Trey cope with the pain, such
 1.13 as administering more than 19 different prescribed medications, dealing with his suffering for
 1.14 four months from a serotonin overload attributed to the prescribed medications, and following
 1.15 an emergency room visit where a doctor suggested medical cannabis, Angela obtained medical
 1.16 cannabis oil legally in Colorado; and

1.17 WHEREAS, Angela reported that within an hour of giving Trey his first dose of the cannabis
 1.18 oil the pressure in his brain and much of the pain was relieved and the muscle spasms visibly
 1.19 stopped; he began to enjoy life again and his ability to concentrate at school was improved; and

1.20 WHEREAS, under Minnesota Statutes, sections 152.22 through 152.261, medical cannabis
 1.21 products become available to patients on the state registry on July 1, 2015; and

2.1 WHEREAS, criminal court proceedings in the Eighth Judicial District Court continue
2.2 against Angela Brown; NOW, THEREFORE,

2.3 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the Lac qui
2.4 Parle county attorney to drop the charges against Angela Brown and calls on Governor Dayton to
2.5 also urge the Lac qui Parle county attorney to drop the charges and, if she is convicted, it asks
2.6 Governor Dayton to request the Board of Pardons to pardon Angela Brown.

2.7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is
2.8 directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to Mark Dayton, Governor of
2.9 Minnesota, and Rick Stulz, Lac qui Parle county attorney.