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DATE	D-PG	OFFICIAL STATUS
01/10/2019	54	Introduction and first reading
		Referred to Veterans and Military Affairs Finance and Policy
02/11/2019	311	Comm report: To pass and re-referred to Rules and Administration

1.1 A resolution

1.2 memorializing the United States government to honor veterans by funding construction

1.3 costs for proposed veterans homes in Bemidji, Montevideo, and Preston.

1.4 WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota honors all veterans who have bravely served in the United

1.5 States armed forces; and

1.6 WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota wishes to show gratitude to those valorous individuals

1.7 by increasing access to high-quality medical care for our veterans and their spouses through the

1.8 construction of veterans homes in the communities of Bemidji, Montevideo, and Preston; and

1.9 WHEREAS, the communities of Bemidji, Montevideo, and Preston have shown strong and

1.10 continual support for the construction of a veterans home in their communities; and

1.11 WHEREAS, funding from the State of Minnesota to predesign, design, construct, furnish,

1.12 and equip veterans homes in those communities has been enacted into state law; and

1.13 WHEREAS, the law that provides this funding also commits the State of Minnesota to

1.14 "provide the necessary operating costs for the veterans homes in excess of any revenue and federal

1.15 funding for the homes that may be required to continue the operation of the homes and care for

1.16 Minnesota veterans;" and

1.17 WHEREAS, the United States government has historically provided a share of the funding

1.18 to construct veterans homes; and

1.19 WHEREAS, financial support from the United States government is crucial to ensure that

1.20 these veterans homes are completed; NOW, THEREFORE,

1.21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the Congress

1.22 of the United States and the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to allocate all necessary

1.23 funding to provide the United States government's share of the construction costs for the proposed

1.24 veterans homes in Bemidji, Montevideo, and Preston, Minnesota.

2.1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed
2.2 to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States, the
2.3 United States Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the President and the Secretary of the United States
2.4 Senate, the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, the Speaker and
2.5 the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader and the Minority
2.6 Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the United States Senate
2.7 Committee on Veterans' Affairs, the members of the United States House of Representatives
2.8 Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.