

1.1 A Senate resolution
1.2 honoring Mai Tong Her for her outstanding leadership and service to the community.

1.3 **WHEREAS**, Mai Tong Her was born in XiengKhoua, Laos, where she was one of the few
1.4 Hmong girls whose parents allowed their child to go to school; and

1.5 **WHEREAS**, Mai Tong Her escaped Communist Laos and came to America in 1980 with
1.6 her family, who spoke little English; and

1.7 **WHEREAS**, in 1986, Mai Tong Her received her GED from Central High School in St.
1.8 Paul; and

1.9 **WHEREAS**, in the 1990s, she began serving the Hmong community in leadership positions
1.10 and roles, including President of the Hmong Women Association, Vice-Chair of the Hmong New
1.11 Year, Board of Directors for Hmong 18 Council, President of the Hmong American Family, and
1.12 founder and President of the Hmong American Mediation Center; and

1.13 **WHEREAS**, in 2011, she attended Hamline University, where she earned a mediation
1.14 certificate and license, and subsequently dedicated her time and talents to the community by
1.15 providing counseling and mediation services; and

1.16 **WHEREAS**, it is important to recognize Mai Tong Her's outstanding achievements and
1.17 volunteer service to many nonprofit organizations within the community. Today, she is an avid
1.18 volunteer for the Special Guerilla Unit (SGU) organization along with the Hmong New Year, and
1.19 is a champion for civic engagement through get-out-the-vote efforts for many elected officials,
1.20 including Senator Fong Hawj; and

1.21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it
1.22 recognizes and honors Mai Tong Her for her leadership, service, and commitment to uphold the
1.23 traditions and values of the Asian-Pacific community.

- 2.1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare an
2.2 enrolled copy of this resolution, to be authenticated by the Secretary's signature and that of the
2.3 Chair of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, and transmit it to Mai Tong Her.