

1.1 A Senate resolution  
1.2 honoring Eagan High School graduate Cortney J. Black, Jr. for entering the Army  
1.3 National Guard.

1.4 **WHEREAS**, young people who elect to protect our nation's precious freedoms by volunteering  
1.5 to serve in the armed forces of the United States perform a crucial service in the defense of our  
1.6 country; and

1.7 **WHEREAS**, in 1973, the United States military eliminated the draft, creating today's  
1.8 all-volunteer force; and

1.9 **WHEREAS**, upon graduation, Cortney J. Black, Jr. will be entering the Army National  
1.10 Guard and several of his fellow Eagan High School students will also be entering the armed services,  
1.11 a tremendous honor deserving of special legislative recognition; they will be honored on Thursday,  
1.12 May 25, 2017, with a program at Eagan High School; and

1.13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it  
1.14 congratulates Cortney J. Black, Jr. and his fellow Eagan High School students entering the United  
1.15 States armed forces upon graduation for their decision to serve and protect our country, and extends  
1.16 best wishes to them for the future.

1.17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare an  
1.18 enrolled copy of this resolution, to be authenticated by the Secretary's signature and that of the  
1.19 Chair of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, and transmit it to Cortney J. Black, Jr.