recognizing Elise Cook of Eagan High School for choosing to serve in the United 1.2 States Army. 1.3 WHEREAS, those young people who elect to protect our nation's precious freedoms by 1.4 volunteering to serve in the armed forces of the United States perform a crucial service in the 1.5 defense of our country; and 1.6 WHEREAS, in 1973, the United States military eliminated the draft, creating today's 1.7 1.8 all-volunteer force; and 1.9 WHEREAS, upon graduation, Elise Cook of Eagan High School will be entering the United 1.10 States Army, a tremendous honor deserving of special legislative recognition; and 1.11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it 1.12 congratulates Elise Cook of Eagan High School on deciding to serve and protect our country in the United States Army, and extends best wishes to Elise for the future. 1.13 1.14 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare an enrolled copy of this resolution, to be authenticated by the Secretary's signature and that of the 1.15

Chair of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, and transmit it to Elise Cook.

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