A Senate resolution

honoring the service of Txhiaj Looj Wilson Her.

WHEREAS, Txhiaj Looj Wilson Her was born in Laos in 1969 to parents Tong Ly and Vam Khwb Her and attended school and completed his elementary education there; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Txhiaj and his family escaped to Thailand after the fall of Laos and stayed in a Thai refugee camp; and

WHEREAS, from 1986 to 1988, he attended Catholic seminary school in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and also served in the youth program developing educational and cultural classes to teach the youth; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, he married Mao Vang and in September 1990 they moved to Visalia, California, where he attended English learning classes; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, he moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and began working as a CNC programmer and CNC system inspector; and

WHEREAS, from 2003 to 2007, he served as a Deacon at Hmong First Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, from 2008 to 2010, he served as President of the Milwaukee Hawj Association, and served a second term from 2013 to 2017; and

WHEREAS, as a community leader, he is largely active with the Hmong community in Minnesota and Wisconsin with cultural activities and small businesses; and

WHEREAS, he is passionate about strengthening the relationships among all Hmong clans and communities in Minnesota and Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, he currently works as a CNC programmer and quality control inspector, serves as a board member of the Hawj United of Wisconsin, and is an adviser for the Hawj Family Association of Milwaukee; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife live in Wisconsin and have four children and four grandchildren; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it commends Txhiaj Looj Wilson Her for his many years of outstanding service to his community, state, and country.

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 Chair of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, and transmit it to Txhiaj Looj Wilson Her.

Cal R. Ludeman Secretary of the Senate

Paul E. Gazelka Chair, Senate Committee on Rules and Administration

Foung Hawj State Senator, District 67