A Senate resolution

congratulating Minnesota School Boards Association on its 100th anniversary and recognizing School Board Recognition Week.

WHEREAS, our communities are enhanced by those organizations that display exceptional commitment to excellence in the education of our young people and a 100th anniversary is an ideal occasion to celebrate such an organization's rich history; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota School Boards Association began as part of the Minnesota Education Association before becoming an independently functioning organization. The first president of MSBA, Victor Anderson, helped draft the initial bylaws and, for its first 30 years of operation, MSBA was an entirely board- and committee-run association. MSBA hired its first Executive Director, Bill Wettergren, in 1950; and

WHEREAS, as the eighth-oldest school board organization in the United States, MSBA has adapted its policies to reflect a century of societal change, a practice which has helped the association remain a valuable asset to the state's educators; and

WHEREAS, the association serves as a leading advocate for public education and supports, promotes, and strengthens the work of public school boards; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it recognizes the valuable work of Minnesota School Boards Association and congratulates it on its milestone 100th anniversary and recognizes February 17 to 21, 2020, as School Board Recognition Week.

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 Minnesota School Boards Association.

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