

A Senate resolution

commemorating the 100th anniversary of Bemidji Woolen Mills.

**WHEREAS**, our state and local communities benefit from the presence of local businesses that have withstood the test of time and a 100-year anniversary is cause for celebration; and

**WHEREAS**, Bemidji Woolen Mills was founded by Ira Preston Batchelder in Bemidji, Minnesota, in 1920; and

**WHEREAS**, the store has weathered the Great Depression, wars, and an always-changing economy while maintaining a rich tradition of providing heirloom-quality wool goods in a traditional retail setting; and

**WHEREAS**, Bemidji Woolen Mills is now run by the founder's great-grandson, Bill Batchelder, marking the fourth generation of the family business; and

**WHEREAS**, after a century of operation, Bemidji Woolen Mills remains a staple of Bemidji's historic downtown business district; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it congratulates Bemidji Woolen Mills on their 100th anniversary of conducting business in the state of Minnesota.

**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 Bill Batchelder.

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Secretary of the Senate

Paul E. Gazelka  
Chair, Senate Committee on  
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