

1.1 A Senate resolution

1.2 expressing the Minnesota Senate's condemnation of the removal of the Minnesota

1.3 National Guard from the St. Paul Labor Center.

1.4 WHEREAS, the Minnesota National Guard has a unique dual mission that consists of federal

1.5 and state roles, and can be activated to serve missions by the Governor of Minnesota or the President

1.6 of the United States; and

1.7 WHEREAS, the Minnesota National Guard has a record of exemplary service in response

1.8 to calls to service by the President and the Governor in times of peace, civil unrest, and war; and

1.9 WHEREAS, the members of the Minnesota National Guard are citizen soldiers who come

1.10 from all parts of the state, and include people who are teachers, nurses, farmers, truck drivers,

1.11 painters, students, friends, neighbors, mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters, who serve voluntarily

1.12 to answer the call of our state and nation; and

1.13 WHEREAS, the members of the Minnesota National Guard have been instrumental in assisting

1.14 with COVID-19 testing and vaccination efforts, as well as supporting long-term care facilities

1.15 during the pandemic; and

1.16 WHEREAS, the Governor activated the Minnesota National Guard on February 5, 2021, to

1.17 protect public safety and security, and the lives, property, and rights of residents, businesses, and

1.18 protesters alike; and

1.19 WHEREAS, the citizen soldiers of the Minnesota National Guard left their jobs, families,

1.20 and homes to answer the call to duty to respond to the needs of their fellow Minnesotans in their

1.21 time of need, and did this without hesitation as they have done throughout their history; and

1.22 WHEREAS, the members of Minnesota National Guard were given permission to use the

1.23 St. Paul Labor Center for a staging area, used the facility respectfully, caused no damage, and left

1.24 when requested to do so; and

2.1 WHEREAS, on the night of Wednesday, April 14, 2021, members of the Minnesota National
2.2 Guard that were staged at the St. Paul Labor Center were told they had to immediately leave the
2.3 building, without warning, and without any place to go; and

2.4 WHEREAS, the members of the Minnesota National Guard very professionally vacated the
2.5 St. Paul Labor Center while being harassed and taunted by labor organization members and leaders;
2.6 NOW THEREFORE,

2.7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it commends the actions of
2.8 the members of Minnesota National Guard for their professionalism in responding once again
2.9 without hesitation to the call to duty during this time of civil unrest and relocating on a moment's
2.10 notice.

2.11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate of the State of Minnesota calls upon the
2.12 members of the labor organizations that were involved in the disparaging treatment of the members
2.13 of the Minnesota National Guard at the St. Paul Labor Center on the night of April 14, 2021, to
2.14 remove the labor organization members and leadership responsible for the removal of the soldiers.

2.15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare a copy
2.16 of this resolution, to be authenticated by his signature and that of the Chair of the Senate Committee
2.17 on Rules and Administration, and transmit it to Governor Walz.