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Introduction
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1.1 A Senate resolution

1.2 commending Waite Park Police Chief David Bentrud for his many years of dedicated

1.3 service in law enforcement.

1.4 **WHEREAS**, Wait Park Police Chief David Bentrud is retiring after over 32 years of dedicated

1.5 service in law enforcement; and

1.6 **WHEREAS**, Chief Bentrud earned a bachelor's in criminal justice from the University of

1.7 St. Thomas and a master's in criminal justice from St. Cloud State University. He also completed

1.8 studies at the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and the Command and Minnesota

1.9 Chiefs Advanced CLEO and Command Academy; and

1.10 **WHEREAS**, prior to his role as Waite Park police chief, David served as a patrol supervisor

1.11 for the St. Cloud Police Department starting in 1992. He also served as a school resource officer,

1.12 a field training officer and coordinator, a St. Cloud Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team

1.13 member, and sergeant; and

1.14 **WHEREAS**, David was hired as Waite Park police chief in 2008. In addition to his role as

1.15 police chief, David also served as the city's emergency manager, board member and president of

1.16 the Minnesota Chiefs of Police Association, board member of the Peace Officer Standards and

1.17 Training Board, board member of the Association of Training Officers of Minnesota, and member

1.18 of numerous other organizations. David taught criminal justice courses as an adjunct faculty instructor

1.19 at St. Cloud University from 1996 to 2018; and

1.20 **WHEREAS**, David is also active in the community through his work with Central MN Youth

1.21 for Christ, Discovery Church, the St. Cloud Rotary Club, Terebinth Refuge, and serving as chaplain

1.22 with Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He is also a member of the Stearns County Planning

1.23 Commission; and

1.24 **WHEREAS**, during his tenure as police chief, David has seen the department grow from 12

1.25 to 22 officers and helped facilitate collaborations between the police department and organizations

2.1 like CentraCare and county human services to combat sex trafficking and better respond to mental
2.2 health crises in the area; and

2.3 **WHEREAS**, David retired on May 15, 2023, after over 32 years of dedicated service in law
2.4 enforcement and is looking forward to spending more time with his family. His leadership and
2.5 sense of community will be missed by the Waite Park Police Department; and

2.6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it
2.7 thanks Police Chief David Bentrud for his many years of outstanding service in law enforcement
2.8 and extends best wishes to him in his retirement.

2.9 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare an
2.10 enrolled copy of this resolution, to be authenticated by the Secretary's signature and that of the
2.11 Chair of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, and transmit it to David Bentrud.

Tom Bottern
Secretary of the Senate

Kari Dziedzic
Chair, Senate Committee on
Rules and Administration

Jeff R. Howe
State Senator, District 13