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Introduction  
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A Senate resolution

honoring St. Cloud StandDown on 25 years of helping veterans.

**WHEREAS**, St. Cloud StandDown was created in 1998 to serve as both a large one-day event to help homeless veterans as well as a consistent organization to help homeless veterans across central Minnesota or those leaving the Veterans Affairs facility or other help centers; and

**WHEREAS**, the phrase "stand down" is modeled after a practice from the Vietnam War, where battle weary soldiers were given the opportunity to renew their sense of spirit, health, and well-being; and

**WHEREAS**, with their motto of "Veterans Helping Veterans," St. Cloud StandDown is entirely staffed by veterans and volunteers and welcomes every veteran regardless of service, age, gender, creed, or need; and

**WHEREAS**, for 25 years with dignity, honor, and respect, St. Cloud StandDown has assisted on average 780 veterans a year with housing, employment, and clothing needs; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Cloud StandDown is involved with Frontline Food Pantry, which for the past 18 months has given and delivered over 800 boxes of food to veterans in need of assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the organization is also involved with the Lady Veterans Boutique, which since 1999 has been assisting female veterans and military spouses by providing clothes, shoes, household items, and food, and by creating a safe environment for women to go to, relax, and spend time; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it congratulates St. Cloud StandDown for their 25 years of outstanding service to veterans in their community.

**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 St. Cloud StandDown.

Tom Bottern  
Secretary of the Senate

Kari Dziedzic  
Chair, Senate Committee on  
Rules and Administration

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