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Introduction
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A Senate resolution

expressing gratitude to Command Sergeant Major Stephen Whitehead for over 30 years of military service.

WHEREAS, Trimont, Minnesota, native Stephen Whitehead joined the Army in 1991. Deployed overseas twice, he received the prestigious Bronze Star in 2007 for his service in Iraq, which stands as a testament to his courage, dedication, and sacrifice. Also among his many military honors are the Meritorious Service Award, the Army Commendation Medal, five Army Achievement Medals, the Iraq Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Medal and the Humanitarian Service Medal. In 2012, he received the Veterans Voices Award from Governor Mark Dayton; and

WHEREAS, Whitehead became Command Sergeant Major for the 84th Troop Command Brigade in the Minnesota Army National Guard. A combat-disabled veteran, he simultaneously worked as executive director of the Disabled American Veterans of Minnesota Foundation and served on the Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center Consumer Advisory Board, and in 2019 was elected national commander of the million-member Disabled American Veterans organization; and

WHEREAS, he continued to demonstrate his commitment to leadership by rejoining the military in November 2019, this time as a Command Sergeant Major in the Army National Guard's 34th Red Bull Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, after an exceptional career of dedicated service to our nation and its veterans, Whitehead is embarking on his retirement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it recognizes, honors, and celebrates Command Sergeant Major Whitehead's remarkable sacrifices and contributions to this country.

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 Command Sergeant Major Stephen Whitehead.

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Secretary of the Senate

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