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Introduction
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1.1 A Senate resolution

1.2 congratulating Steve Senyk on his retirement after more than 41 years of service to the

1.3 Senate and the State of Minnesota.

1.4 **WHEREAS**, those who dedicate their lives in the name of public service contribute to the

1.5 betterment of our state and work to uphold the values on which our nation was established; and

1.6 **WHEREAS**, Steve Senyk has worked for the Minnesota Senate for over 41 years; and

1.7 **WHEREAS**, Steve has been Director of Senate Media Services since 1990; and

1.8 **WHEREAS**, he has overseen the Senate's legislative broadcasts for over 30 years, ensuring

1.9 that the people of Minnesota have access to state government; and

1.10 **WHEREAS**, he has led the department through enormous technological changes, including

1.11 the challenges posed by the pandemic that required quick thinking, sudden adaptations, creativity,

1.12 and expanded infrastructure to support remote hearings; and

1.13 **WHEREAS**, Steve's office is responsible for producing thousands of hours of gavel-to-gavel

1.14 coverage of floor sessions, committee hearings, issue-oriented press conferences, member interviews,

1.15 and other special events; and

1.16 **WHEREAS**, Steve's extraordinary efforts were recognized by the Minnesota Coalition on

1.17 Government Information when he was awarded the 2021 Freedom of Information Award; and

1.18 **WHEREAS**, Steve is well-respected and admired by his staff, Senate partisan and nonpartisan

1.19 staff, and senators. The entire legislature has been fortunate to benefit from his steady leadership,

1.20 and his steadfast commitment to the people of Minnesota ultimately leaves a meaningful and

1.21 enduring legacy; and

1.22 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it

1.23 thanks Steve Senyk for his leadership and his service to the State of Minnesota, and wishes him

1.24 well in retirement; and

2.1 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare an
2.2 enrolled copy of this resolution, to be authenticated by the Secretary's signature and that of the
2.3 Chair of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, and transmit it to Steve Senyk.

Tom Bottern
Secretary of the Senate

Erin P. Murphy
Chair, Senate Committee on
Rules and Administration

Bobby Joe Champion
President of the Senate

Mark Johnson
Minority Leader