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Introduction  
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A Senate resolution

expressing gratitude to Colonel Matt Langer for nearly 25 years of service with the Minnesota State Patrol.

**WHEREAS**, Matt Langer joined the Minnesota State Patrol in 1999 as a trooper working out of the St. Paul station; and

**WHEREAS**, he spent time on the Metro Crash Reconstruction Team and was director of the State Patrol's fleet and asset management section before moving up to captain; and

**WHEREAS**, after serving as assistant chief and acting chief, Matt was appointed Colonel, Chief of the State Patrol, in January of 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Langer's accomplishments with the State Patrol include growing an internal peer support team, re-establishing a chaplaincy program, forming and progressing the crash reconstruction specialty area, helping advocate for passage of Minnesota's hands-free statute in 2019, and signing a pledge to increase the number of female troopers and support staff to 30 percent by 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, under Colonel Langer's leadership, the State Patrol focused its education and enforcement efforts on preventing driving that leads to fatal crashes, including an initiative against street racing and HEAT Patrols against speeding and criminal activity. Minnesota roads are now the third safest in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, Colonel Langer is leaving the State Patrol to become the director of global policing for the International Association of Chiefs of Police; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it wishes Colonel Langer the best in his new position and thanks him for his service to the Department of Public Safety and the Minnesota State Patrol.

**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 Colonel Matt Langer.

Tom Bottern  
Secretary of the Senate

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

John R. Jasinski  
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