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A Senate resolution

honoring Gold Cross Ambulance Service, in memory of its founder, John R. Perkins, on the occasion of the premiere of the Gold Cross Ambulance story documentary.

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Senate wishes to extend its sincere gratitude to Gold Cross Ambulance Service and its employees for 32 years of dedicated service to the communities of Rochester, Duluth, Mankato, and Owatonna beginning in 1962; and

**WHEREAS**, under the direction of founder John R. Perkins and the contributions of Harvey Hengel and Dr. Roger White, Gold Cross established a highly trained, technically advanced, professional ambulance service that became one of the first paramedic-level operations in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, Gold Cross was the first ambulance service to staff paramedics and to function without any form of local, state, or federal subsidy while maintaining its place at the vanguard of prehospital emergency care providers; and

**WHEREAS**, going beyond the provision of services for emergency transportation, Gold Cross provided communities and hospitals with plans to assist citizens during any type of disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, Gold Cross personnel provided CPR training and other emergency procedure instruction to police, firefighters, and the general public; and

**WHEREAS**, the name "Gold Cross" expresses the philosophy and high standards for which the company was known. Gold symbolizes quality, the cross signifies an ability to assist mankind, and the motto "Waiting to Serve" indicates readiness at all times to serve the public and those in need; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it honors John R. Perkins for 32 years of leadership and innovation in the field of emergency medical services.

**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 Director General Dennis Y. E. Lei.

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