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A Senate resolution

honoring the connections between Norway and Minnesota.

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota is home to one of the largest populations of Norwegian Americans in the United States, with deep cultural and ancestral ties to Norway; and

**WHEREAS**, Norwegian immigrants played a significant role in shaping Minnesota's communities, economy, and traditions, particularly in agriculture, education, and civic engagement; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota celebrates cultural events such as Syttende Mai (Norwegian Constitution Day), St. Lucia Day, and holiday feasts of pickled herring, to honor Norwegian heritage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Norwegian language, arts, and traditions thrive in Minnesota through organizations like Sons of Norway, Norway House, and the Scandinavian American Cultural Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota and Norway both find ways to stay warm and active in cold weather, thriving in the adversity of overcoming the elements; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Norwegian Parliament and the Minnesota Senate both share a dedication to good governance, democratic processes, and earning the trust of the public; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it welcomes its friends and partners from the Norwegian Parliament.

**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 the delegation from the Norwegian Parliament.

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Secretary of the Senate

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