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Introduction
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A Senate resolution

congratulating Dr. Tori Bahr for receiving the 2024 Humanitarian Award.

WHEREAS, the Humanitarian Award is presented annually by the Minnesota Medical Association and Copic Insurance to a physician who demonstrates meaningful work in improving health care in their local community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bahr is an internal medicine-pediatrics physician recognized for her dedication to medically complex children and their families by providing holistic, coordinated care; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bahr recognized the challenges faced by her pediatric patients transitioning to adult care and established a health care transition process within her practice. She saw the potential to expand this approach in a sustainable and equitable manner; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bahr launched an initiative to improve the health care transition process for youth with medical complexity in the state of Minnesota, addressing critical service gaps across pediatric and adult health systems, as an unpaid contribution beyond her clinical duties; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bahr's advocacy includes organizing discussions to address systemic barriers in transitions in collaboration with the Minnesota Rare Disease Advisory Council, the Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Minnesota Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bahr has also contributed to medical education surrounding transition to adult care. She developed the MedPeds Transition elective for the University of Minnesota Medical School, and organized the Twin Cities Transition Quality Improvement Collaborative with providers from multiple institutions to help young adults with medical complexity navigate their first hospitalization outside of a children's hospital; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it congratulates Dr. Tori Bahr for her significant contributions to her community, and work to improve these critical health care conditions.

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 Dr. Tori Bahr.

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Secretary of the Senate

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