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A Senate resolution

honoring the memory of David J. Jergenson.

**WHEREAS**, David J. Jergenson was born January 1, 1918, to Laura and George Jergensen of Donnelly, Minnesota. The seventh of 11 children, he farmed with his dad until he was drafted into the United States Army in 1942; and

**WHEREAS**, David served honorably in the United States Army during World War II in Algeria and Italy. In 1945, he was honorably discharged with the rank of Tech Sergeant; and

**WHEREAS**, after exiting the service, David returned to Donnelly and married Julette Gilbertson on March 10, 1946. In 1948, they purchased a farm north of Cyrus and farmed and began raising mink. David continued helping his son, Duane, on the mink ranch long after his retirement in 1982, and in 2012, David was honored with the title "Fur Rancher of the Year" by the Minnesota Fur Breeders Association; and

**WHEREAS**, David and Julette began spending winters in Mesa, Arizona, in 1982, where they enjoyed spending time with family and new friends, singing, and playing pool and dominoes. They enjoyed 34 winters in Mesa. In his later years, David enjoyed spending time at the VFW in Alexandria, where he would bring his own hot chocolate rather than drink their coffee. David loved the comradery of the VFW; and

**WHEREAS**, David, after living a long life as a valued member of his community, passed away peacefully on March 14, 2025, at the age of 107; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it honors the memory of David J. Jergenson, acknowledges his military service to this nation and his contributions to his community, and extends condolences to his family and friends.

**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 family of David J. Jergenson.

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