

WHEREAS, iron ore was first shipped from the Iron Range of Minnesota in 1884; and

WHEREAS, since then the Iron Range has supplied millions of tons of iron ore that were used to create buildings, industry, communications systems, and transportation systems in America and the world; and

WHEREAS, during World War II the Iron Range furnished over 90 percent of the iron ore used in that victorious effort; and

WHEREAS, the Iron Range continues to furnish its key resource to America and the world; and

WHEREAS, in 1984 the Iron Range will commemorate the centennial of the first shipment of iron ore; and

WHEREAS, an event as significant as this centennial must be specially commemorated; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the Postmaster General to authorize the issuance of a special stamp to commemorate the centennial of the first shipment of iron ore from Minnesota's Iron Range.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to transmit certified copies of this memorial to the Postmaster General and to Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved June 14, 1983

RESOLUTION 9 — H.F.No. 1081

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to provide service-connected disability compensation for former members of the military forces who were exposed in Vietnam to toxic herbicides, chemicals, medications, and other environmental hazards and conditions.

WHEREAS, there are approximately 2,700,000 veterans in the United States who were exposed in Vietnam to toxic herbicides, chemicals, medications, and other environmental hazards and conditions; and

WHEREAS, these veterans are now suffering numerous adverse health effects, including cancers, liver disorders, and skin disorders that may be the result of the exposure; and

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WHEREAS, scientific studies now completed or underway have documented a connection between such adverse health effects and exposure to toxic herbicides, chemicals, medications, and environmental hazards and conditions that existed in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, current Veteran Administrative regulations do not allow service connected disability compensation to be awarded for adverse health effects of toxic herbicides, chemicals, medications, and other environmental hazards and conditions that existed in Vietnam; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, that Congress should speedily enact legislation to compensate Vietnam veterans for adverse health effects stated above. Appropriate agencies and resources of the United States should be brought to bear in an investigation of the health and genetic complaints of Vietnam veterans exposed to toxic herbicides, chemicals, medications, and other environmental hazards and conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to transmit certified copies of this memorial to the President of the United States, the President and Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Chief Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, to each Senator and Representative from Minnesota in the Congress of the United States, and to the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs.

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RESOLUTION 10 — H.F.No. 1188

A resolution memorializing the United States Congress to conduct an in-depth investigation of the steel industry.

WHEREAS, during the last two decades thousands of steelworkers and hundreds of communities in the industrial heartland of America have been devastated by layoffs and plant closings; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. steel industry has complained of the uncompetitive posture that it faces from foreign suppliers who are subsidized by foreign governments; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Steel Corporation has filed unfair trade practices because of unfair foreign competition against many of these foreign countries including Japan, West Germany, Italy, England, and France; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. steel industry has stated many times that steelworker labor cost was their major problem in competing with foreign steel producers; and

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