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SESSION RESOLUTIONS

ENROLLED AND DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE

RESOLUTION 12 — S.F.No. 1243

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to establish a National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution.

WHEREAS, people throughout Minnesota are concerned about armed conflict between nations and within our society that is increasing at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, recent conflicts throughout the world make it necessary to develop new and creative means of managing conflict before it escalates into violence, so that the greatest challenge facing the people of this nation is the development of new techniques to resolve and prevent violent conflict; and

WHEREAS, many potentially destructive conflicts among nations and peoples have been resolved constructively and with cost efficiency at the international, national, and community levels through proper use of such techniques as negotiation, conciliation, mediation, and arbitration; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of an academy is an appropriate investment by the people of this nation to promote international peace and to resolve conflicts among nations without recourse to violence; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that Congress should speedily enact legislation to establish a National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution to serve the people and government by providing research, training, and information services on international peace and peace making.

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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 the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Chief Clerk of the United States House of Representatives and to Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

Approved April 25, 1984

RESOLUTION 13 — H.F.No. 2180

A resolution memorializing the President and Secretary of Transportation of the United States, the National Transportation Safety Board, and the Minnesota Congressional delegation to implement a program for the reflectorization of railroad rolling stock.

WHEREAS, railroad grade crossing accidents are a serious highway safety problem; and

WHEREAS, there were 164 such accidents in Minnesota in 1982; and

WHEREAS, 222 persons lost their lives in grade crossing accidents from 1973 to 1982; and

WHEREAS, improved nighttime visibility of railroad cars would significantly enhance grade crossing safety; and

WHEREAS, the National Transportation Safety Board has estimated that adding reflectorized markings on railroad cars could reduce fatalities nationally in nighttime grade crossing accidents by over one-third; and

WHEREAS, a scientific study of a proposed railroad car reflectorization program has shown that the benefits of such a program in accident-loss reduction would substantially outweigh the costs; and

WHEREAS, only the federal government has the authority to make such a program a reality; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that an effective national program for the reflectorization of all railroad rolling stock be implemented at the earliest feasible time.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the President and Secretary of Transportation of the United States, the chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, and Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress.

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