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Honoring the life of former Governor of Minnesota Harold E. Stassen, and expressing deepest condolences of the Senate to his family on his death.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. DAYTON (for himself and Mr. WELLSTONE) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life of former Governor of Minnesota Harold E. Stassen, and expressing deepest condolences of the Senate to his family on his death.

Whereas the Senate has learned with sadness of the death of Harold E. Stassen;

Whereas Harold E. Stassen, born in St. Paul, Minnesota, greatly distinguished himself and his State by his long commitment to public service;

Whereas in 1938, Harold E. Stassen, at age 31, became the youngest person elected Governor in the history of the United States;

Whereas Harold E. Stassen, elected to 3 consecutive terms as Governor of Minnesota, was a visionary leader of the

Republican Party and was nationally recognized for civil service and anti-corruption reforms while Governor;

Whereas during Harold E. Stassen's third term as Governor, he voluntarily resigned from that office to join the United States Navy in World War II, helping to free American prisoners of war from Japan and received promotion to the rank of captain;

Whereas Harold E. Stassen was an original signer of the United Nations charter of 1948, and in that same year undertook the first of 9 campaigns for President of the United States;

Whereas Harold E. Stassen served 5 years in the Eisenhower administration, first overseeing foreign aid programs, then serving as a Special Presidential Assistant on disarmament policy;

Whereas although Harold E. Stassen spent much of his life as a public servant, he was also highly respected as an international lawyer in private practice;

Whereas Harold E. Stassen, a major constructive force in shaping the course of the 20th Century, was a great intellectual force, a noble statesman, and a high moral example;

Whereas Harold E. Stassen was committed not only to his country and his ideals, but also to his late wife of 70 years, Esther, his daughter and son, his 7 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren; and

Whereas in the days following the passing of Harold E. Stassen, many past and present Minnesota public servants and national leaders have praised the life he led: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) honors the long life and devoted work of a
2 great leader and public servant; and

3 (2) expresses its deepest condolences and best
4 wishes to the family of Harold E. Stassen in this
5 difficult time of loss.

