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H. RES. 657

Honoring the life and legacy of the Honorable Martin Olav Sabo as an outstanding public servant dedicated to the State of Minnesota and the United States.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 22, 2016

Mr. ELLISON (for himself, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. NOLAN, Mr. PETERSON, Mr. WALZ, Mr. PAULSEN, Mr. KLINE, and Mr. EMMER of Minnesota) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

RESOLUTION

Honoring the life and legacy of the Honorable Martin Olav Sabo as an outstanding public servant dedicated to the State of Minnesota and the United States.

Whereas Martin Olav Sabo was born on February 28, 1938, in Crosby, North Dakota, and grew up in Alkabo, North Dakota;

Whereas Martin Olav Sabo attended Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and graduated in 1959;

Whereas in 1960, at the age of 22 years, Martin Olav Sabo was first elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives and at that time, Martin Olav Sabo was the youngest person ever elected to the Minnesota Legislature;

Whereas Martin Olav Sabo served in the Minnesota House of Representatives for 18 years, including—

(1) 4 years as minority leader; and

(2) 6 years as the first member of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party to serve as Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives;

Whereas Martin Olav Sabo fought for the historic 1971 “Minnesota Miracle” that changed the way schools and localities were funded;

Whereas Martin Olav Sabo was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1978 and he served 28 years as a Member of Congress representing the fifth congressional district of Minnesota;

Whereas in 1979, as a freshman legislator, Martin Olav Sabo was appointed to serve on the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and he later became ranking minority member of the Subcommittees on Transportation and Homeland Security of the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives;

Whereas Martin Olav Sabo—

(1) ensured that our roads and bridges, transportation systems, aviation infrastructure, railways, and nonmotorized corridors were up-to-date and safe for all Americans; and

(2) provided critical funding—

(A) to support working families;

(B) to support law enforcement;

(C) to promote agricultural production and research;

(D) to establish the Department of Homeland Security; and

(E) to strengthen the Department of Defense;

Whereas Martin Olav Sabo served on the Committee on the Budget of the House of Representatives for 8 years, including—

(1) 2 years as ranking minority member; and

(2) 2 years as Chairman during the 103rd Congress, a period during which Martin Olav Sabo shepherded through enactment into law on August 10, 1993, the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1993 (Public Law 103–66), which many contend was a balanced deficit-reduction package that paved the way to a balanced budget in 1998, the first balanced budget of the United States since 1969;

Whereas Martin Olav Sabo worked tirelessly to ensure that all people of the United States benefit from the Nation’s prosperity by fighting to ensure the economy works for all Americans;

Whereas Martin Olav Sabo was a long-time fan of baseball and the Minnesota Twins and wore a Minnesota Twins team uniform each spring as a player on, and the manager of, the Democratic team in the annual congressional baseball game;

Whereas the Martin Olav Sabo Bridge in Minneapolis, Minnesota, was named after Representative Sabo;

Whereas Martin Olav Sabo retired from the House of Representatives in 2006 and later served as—

(1) co-chair of the National Transportation Policy Project of the Bipartisan Policy Center; and

(2) a member of the Minnesota Ballpark Authority; and

Whereas Martin Olav Sabo will be remembered as a strong, civil legislator with an understated demeanor that earned

him the reputation of being able to work on a bipartisan basis to get things done for the fifth congressional district of Minnesota, the State of Minnesota, and the United States: Now, therefore, be it

- 1 *Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—
- 2 (1) honors the life and accomplishments of the
- 3 Honorable Martin Olav Sabo;
- 4 (2) remembers the work that Martin Olav Sabo
- 5 accomplished to balance the Federal budget and im-
- 6 prove the quality of life of all Americans; and
- 7 (3) recognizes the indelible legacy that Martin
- 8 Olav Sabo has left on the State of Minnesota and
- 9 the United States.

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