

1.1 A resolution

1.2 memorializing the President of the United States, the United States Secretary of the
1.3 Treasury, and the United States Treasury Automotive Task Force to reconsider the
1.4 treatment of Minnesota auto dealerships.

1.5 WHEREAS, new motor vehicle dealerships in Minnesota serve thousands of consumers in
1.6 400 communities across the State of Minnesota; and

1.7 WHEREAS, new motor vehicle dealerships in Minnesota provide approximately 18,000
1.8 jobs in Minnesota; and

1.9 WHEREAS, new motor vehicle dealerships in Minnesota comprise a multibillion dollar
1.10 industry which contributes significantly to state and local tax revenue; and

1.11 WHEREAS, new motor vehicle dealerships are independently-owned businesses that own
1.12 their own property and buy inventory, parts, signage, and facilities in order to provide a virtually
1.13 cost-free distribution network to auto manufacturers; and

1.14 WHEREAS, approximately half of the new motor vehicle dealerships in Minnesota sell
1.15 General Motors and Chrysler products; and

1.16 WHEREAS, President Obama has appointed the Automotive Task Force to oversee the
1.17 reorganization of General Motors and Chrysler with the reorganization to include a significant
1.18 reduction in auto dealerships; NOW, THEREFORE,

1.19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the President
1.20 of the United States, the United States Secretary of the Treasury, and every member of the United
1.21 States Automotive Task Force to consider that fewer Minnesota auto dealerships will not improve
1.22 the economic conditions of General Motors and Chrysler.

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2.1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the
2.2 President of the United States, the United States Secretary of the Treasury, and every member of
2.3 the United States Treasury Automotive Task Force to consider that auto dealerships are important
2.4 to Minnesota's economy and communities, and requests that the United States Department of
2.5 Treasury Automotive Task Force eliminate its requirement that General Motors and Chrysler
2.6 terminate Minnesota dealerships.

2.7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is
2.8 directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to President Barack Obama, the
2.9 United States Secretary of the Treasury Timothy Geithner, and every member of the United States
2.10 Treasury Automotive Task Force.