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Introduction and first reading
Referred to State Government Finance and Policy and Elections

1.1 A resolution

1.2 urging Congress to ensure that the United States Postal Service remains an independent

1.3 establishment of the federal government and is not subject to privatization.

1.4 WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is a constitutionally mandated service per article

1.5 I, section 8, clause 7, of the United States Constitution; and

1.6 WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is consistently the highest rated agency of the

1.7 federal government in nonpartisan opinion polls; and

1.8 WHEREAS, postal employees are dedicated public servants who do more than process and

1.9 deliver the nation's mail, they are integral parts of our communities and often respond first in

1.10 situations involving health, safety, and crime in those communities; and

1.11 WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is self-sustaining and does not receive taxpayer

1.12 funding, relying solely on revenue derived from the sale of postal services and products; and

1.13 WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service is the nation's second-largest employer of

1.14 military veterans and its more than 500,000 employees are at the center of the \$1.4 trillion mailing

1.15 industry, employing a total of 7.5 million Americans; and

1.16 WHEREAS, the United States Postal Service serves the needs of 157 million business and

1.17 residential customers at least six days a week, and connects the country's rural, suburban, and urban

1.18 communities; and

1.19 WHEREAS, privatization of the United States Postal Service would result in higher prices

1.20 and reduced services for its customers, especially in rural communities; and

1.21 WHEREAS, privatization of the United States Postal Service would jeopardize the booming

1.22 e-commerce sector and cripple a major part of the nation's critical infrastructure; NOW,

1.23 THEREFORE,

2.1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it urges the President
2.2 and the Congress of the United States to take all appropriate measures to ensure that the United
2.3 States Postal Service remains an independent establishment of the federal government and not
2.4 subject to privatization.

2.5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed
2.6 to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States, the
2.7 President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United
2.8 States House of Representatives, the chair of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and
2.9 Governmental Affairs, the chair of the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, and Minnesota's
2.10 Senators and Representatives in Congress.