

MINNESOTA LEGISLATURE



A House resolution

honoring Jerry L. Kyser

WHEREAS, Jerry Kyser is a United States Army aviation combat disabled Vietnam veteran who is an effective voice for military veterans; he works tirelessly, passionately advocating for veterans within political, business, and social circles, and has had a positive impact on many communities in Minnesota, enhancing the image of the veteran as one who should be fully embraced in our society; and

WHEREAS, for the past 14 years, Jerry has advocated full-time for veterans while receiving no compensation, and he was the 2014 recipient of the Minnesota Humanities Center Legacy Award for Contributions to Veteran Communities; and

WHEREAS, Jerry was instrumental in helping to reduce veteran unemployment in Minnesota from 20 percent to five percent, and has spent countless hours testifying at the legislature about the sacrifices made by veterans, while advocating for fair and better treatment for those who have bravely served in our nation's armed forces; and

WHEREAS, Jerry has also been involved in numerous other initiatives to help veterans and those affected by war, including serving as Vietnam Veterans Car Donation Program Director, facilitating monthly veteran meetings at Stillwater State Prison since 1993, and cofacilitating the fund-raising of \$35,000 to build a Lao Children's Library boat that provides booklets to villages on the upper Mekong River; he served as cochairman of the Military Action Group, which brings key veteran issues to state and federal elected officials each year, and as vice chairman of the United Veterans Legislative Council, which proactively advocates with state and federal legislative bodies throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Jerry is a board member of the Veterans Small Business Foundation and founded Honor Flight Twin Cities in 2008, which has taken 1,288 World War II veterans and 1,000 guardians to Washington, D.C. for a free one-day trip; he collaborated with the Jewish Community Center program to honor veterans from the Honor Flights who liberated the Nazi death camps after World War II; and

WHEREAS, Jerry is a veterans equity representative for U.S. Bank Stadium, and has served as Warbird Pilot for the Commemorative Air Force that supports the Tuskegee-Airmen and a P-51B Fighter; he has facilitated Missing Man Formation Flyovers for POW/MIA, and he was the 2016 Ellis Island Medals of Honor Award recipient; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration of the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota that it thanks and commends Jerry L. Kyser for his decades of dedicated, selfless work on behalf of veterans, and extends best wishes to him for the future.

Dated: March 8, 2017


Kurt Daudt, Speaker

Minnesota House of Representatives


Joyce Peppin, Chair

Rules and Legislative Administration


Bob Dettmer
State Representative

