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Overview

Background: Current Minnesota law authorizes the Commander-in-Chief of the Minnesota National Guard - i.e., the Governor - to provide and award State medals for valor, distinguished service, and good conduct, as well as certain marks of distinction to officers and enlisted personnel who served during periods of war or other declared emergencies, provided that they do not overlap with federal service medals.

This bill would authorize the Commander-in-Chief to also issue suitable marks of distinction to nonmembers of the military forces of the State for distinguished service or support to the military forces of the State.