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A Senate resolution

expressing the sense of the Senate honoring the long-standing partnership between the Province of Québec and the State of Minnesota.

WHEREAS, in the past decade, Québec has strengthened its interparliamentary relationships with the United States through its involvement in the Conference of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Governors and Premiers and the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus; and

WHEREAS, Québec maintains close ties with the State of Minnesota, notably through their involvement in these forums; and

WHEREAS, Québec and Minnesota, as well as the states, provinces, and cities involved in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Conference, the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus, and the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiatives, have attached great importance to issues relating to water, trade, and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence states and provinces manage together 20 percent of the world's surface freshwater and provide drinking water for over 40 million people, emphasizing the importance of their relationship and their particularly strategic position in terms of freshwater management and sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence states and provinces together constitute an economic region equivalent to the world's third-largest economy; and

WHEREAS, Québec and Minnesota both wish to increase tourism in the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence region and promote sustainable tourism; and

WHEREAS, over the past five years, trade between Québec and Minnesota increased by nearly 65 percent; and

WHEREAS, among Canadian provinces, Québec is a key investor in Minnesota and ranks as the seventh-largest trading partner of Minnesota in the Midwest and as the ninth-largest supplier of goods to Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Québec significantly contributed to Minnesota's aerospace industry by being the first supplier for turbojet and flight simulators to Minnesota in 2024; and

WHEREAS, around 20 Québec-owned companies currently operate in Minnesota, directly creating local jobs, while more than 35 Minnesota-based businesses maintain operations in Québec; and

WHEREAS, Québec was the United States' principal partner in primary aluminum in 2024; and

WHEREAS, the high amount of trade between Minnesota and Québec, particularly in terms of metal products necessary for Minnesota's strategic industries, including manufacturing and the construction sector, has proven beneficial for both partners; and

WHEREAS, Québec is notably the second-largest buyer of Minnesota-made basic chemicals; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable partnership should be recognized appropriately during this special time; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota that it honors the decades-long partnership between the Province of Québec and the State of Minnesota and extends best wishes for many more years of mutual prosperity and growth.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the public and the press.