

Proclamation

WHEREAS: for 16 years, Don Fraser has served his district, state and nation with distinction as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS: Minnesota's 5th District Congressman has unfailingly sought to make America's social and political institutions more responsive to human needs, particularly in the areas of improved health care, education, housing and job opportunities; and

WHEREAS: as a member of the Committee of Foreign Affairs and as a member of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations General Assembly in 1975, he helped to lay the groundwork for a new emphasis on international human rights as an objective of American foreign policy; and

WHEREAS: he has been in the forefront of efforts to reform and revitalize the U.S. Congress with many of the reform procedures that were adopted in recent years being formulated during the period that he has served as chairman of the Democratic Study Group, an organization of Democratic Congressmen; and

WHEREAS: Don Fraser has also been a major architect for reform within the National Democratic Party as part of his strong belief that political parties must play a more effective and responsible role if we are to build a better democratic society here at home; and

WHEREAS: he is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and its Law School, a World War II veteran and a former two-term member of the Minnesota State Senate; and

HHEREAS: he is married to the former Arvonne Skelton who has herself won acclaim for her exceptional talents and leadership abilities; and together, they are the parents of Mary Mac, Tom, John, Lois, Jeanne and the late Ann Fraser;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rudy Perpich, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Sunday, December 3, 1978 to be

DON FRASER DAY

in Minnesota, and join all of the "Friends of Fraser" in expressing deep appreciation and gratitude for his personal integrity, his courage and his firm commitment to principle and extend to him warmest best wishes for much future happiness in whatever endeavors he now pursues.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this first day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred seventy-eight and of the State the one hundred twentieth.

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