



## A House resolution

honoring Ralph Donais

WHEREAS, Ralph Donais, a 1964 graduate of Elk River High School, attended numerous military leadership and technical schools, served in the United States Marine Corps from 1964 to 1994, including serving in Vietnam in 1967 and 1970, and was a recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal and numerous other awards; and

WHEREAS, Ralph's last position with the Marines was the Senior Enlisted Position as the Aviation Avionic Chief of the Marine Corps at USMC Headquarters; and

WHEREAS, he was also the Officer in Charge of Marine Mobile Calibration Laboratory, Avionics Chief, Calibration Chief, Electronics Instructor, COMSEC Material Custodian, Mobile Facilities Maintenance Supervisor, IMRL Chief, Production Control Supervisor, Work Center Supervisor, Weapons Systems Technician, Aviation Fire Control Technician, Corrosion Control Technician, and Marine Corps Recruiter; and

WHEREAS, he won the Minnesota Veterans Voice Award in 2015 and has been on the Board of Directors for the North Star Boys Choir, a volunteer driver for Land of Lakes Choir Boys, Chairman of the United Veterans Legislative Council of Minnesota since 2010, helped sponsor Retiree Appreciation Days at Camp Ripley for 11 years, a volunteer at the Military Child Education Coalition and the Armed Forces Serviceman Center, Chapter President of The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA), and a choir member at St. Andrews; and

WHEREAS, he is a life member of TREA, VFW, Disabled American Veterans, Uniformed Services Disabled Retirees, Marine Corps League, Fleet Reserve Association, American Veterans, American Military Retirees Association, and National Association for Uniformed Services; and

WHEREAS, he is also a member of American Legion Post 560 in Zimmerman, initiated Beyond the Yellow Ribbon for Elk River, and worked on the St. Cloud VA Hospital Karaoke Program for 11 years; and

WHEREAS, he also received an AA Degree from Anoka Ramsey Community College in 1998 and a BS Teaching Degree from St. Cloud State University in 2000, and made the Dean's list numerous times while attending both schools; NOW, THEREFORE,

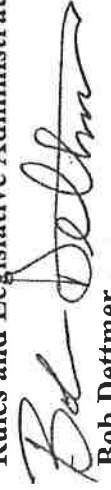
BE IT RESOLVED by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration of the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota that it congratulates Ralph Donais for his decades of dedicated, selfless work on behalf of veterans, and extends best wishes to him for the future.

Dated: March 8, 2017



Kurt Daudt, Speaker  
Minnesota House of Representatives

  
Joyce Peppin, Chair  
Rules and Legislative Administration

  
Bob Dettmer  
State Representative

