



# The City of Minneapolis

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## A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

**By Reich, Gordon, Frey, B. Johnson, Yang, Warsame,  
Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson and Palmisano**

### **Honoring Martin Olav Sabo**

Whereas, Martin Olav Sabo passed away on March 13, 2016, at the age of 78 after a lifetime of public service as a tireless advocate for the citizens of Minneapolis, of the State of Minnesota, and of the United States, and is survived by his wife of 52 years, Sylvia, daughters Karin Mantor and Julie Sabo, and sister Anna Marie Huesers; and

Whereas, Congressman Sabo represented with distinction the City of Minneapolis, the State of Minnesota, and the nation as a member of the Minnesota State House for 18 years (1960-1978) and as a member of the United States Congress for 28 years (1979-2006); and

Whereas, when on this day in 2006 Congressman Sabo announced his retirement from Congress, although as humble and unpretentious as ever, he pointed to both his role as the House Budget Committee Chair in putting together the 1993 Legislation that set our nation on a course to a balanced budget and his leadership as the Speaker of the Minnesota House in delivering the “Minnesota Miracle” on behalf of public education in 1971 as two of his greatest accomplishments; and

Whereas, part of the legacy of Congressman Sabo has improved and increased transportation alternatives for Minneapolis and the other cities he represented, such as the Hiawatha Light Rail Transit line, the Midtown Greenway, and makeovers of both the Stone Arch and Hennepin Avenue bridges; and

Whereas, in 2008 the City of Minneapolis demonstrated its appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Congressman Sabo for his many years of advocacy to improve the lives of all citizens by naming the Midtown Greenway bike bridge over Hiawatha Avenue the Martin Olav Sabo Bridge in his honor; and

Whereas, following his retirement Martin Sabo remained a committed and true public servant who always put the interest of the common good first with a willingness to work across the aisle by serving as the co-chair of the National Transportation Policy Project at the Bipartisan Policy Center, the only Washington, DC-based think tank that actively promotes bipartisanship; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis remains outstandingly appreciative of the longest consecutively serving elected official in Minnesota history, the State’s “number one Twins fan”, a legislator whose efforts to make our state and nation a better place are represented by the countless lives he made better, and who never forgot where he came from, the people he served, or the community he loved.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Mayor and City Council of The City of Minneapolis that the life of Martin Olav Sabo and his many contributions to the City of Minneapolis, the State of Minnesota, and the United States are worthy of public recognition, praise, appreciation, and heartfelt thanks. This Honorary Resolution serves as a testament to the fine qualities embodied by Martin Olav Sabo and his unwavering commitment to the best ideals of public service and community empowerment and is presented with sincere condolences to his family, along with the many happy memories of the warm, witty, and wise man who graced us with his presence.