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(MN) SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: William (Bill) Charles Norris was born on July 14, 1911, to William Henry and Mildred McCall Norris on a farm near Inavale, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS: Bill Norris attended a country schoolhouse, followed by high school in Red Cloud, Nebraska and graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1932 with a degree in electrical engineering; and

WHEREAS: After graduating from college, Bill Norris was commissioned to the Naval Reserve and was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, DC. He worked on cracking codes using early computing devices; and

WHEREAS: Bill Norris moved to St. Paul after World War II where he helped found Engineering Research Associates. He then co-founded Control Data Corp in 1957 and served as President and CEO for 29 years; and

WHEREAS: Bill Norris was awarded a National Medal of Technology in 1986, citing "his substantial contributions to the development of digital computer technology, and for his innovative application of computers to societal needs"; and

WHEREAS: Bill Norris was an avid fisherman who also loved to travel and work the N.Y. Times crossword puzzles; and

WHEREAS: Bill Norris died on Monday, August 21, 2006, at the age of 95; and

WHEREAS: Bill Norris is preceded in death by his parents, William Henry and Mildred McCall Norris; sister, Katherine Buffett (Fred) and twin sister, Willa Norris; and

WHEREAS: Bill Norris is survived by his wife of 61 years, Jane Malley Norris; children, William (Linda), George, Daniel (Patricia), Brian (Patricia), Constance Van Hoven (Gregory), Roger (Jean), Mary Keck (Thomas) and David (Erin); grandchildren, Claudia, Howard, Robert, Rana, Leah, John, Jane, Michael, and Mara Norris; Danielle Norris; Heather Norris; Sarah, Renee and Phillip Van Hoven; Charles, Meghan and Kate Norris; Russell and Collin Keck; Grace and Will Norris; six great-grandchildren; and nephew, William Buffett (Susan Kennedy); and

WHEREAS: The visitation for Bill Norris will be held from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 24, 2006, at O'Halloran & Murphy Funeral Home in St. Paul, Minnesota. A Memorial Service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, August 25, 2006, at the Schulze School of Entrepreneurship at the University of St. Thomas – Minneapolis Campus. A Private Burial will be held at Resurrection Cemetery in Mendota Heights, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota thanks the family of Bill Norris for his innovative spirit and his tremendous contributions to our state and wants the family to know that our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Now, Therefore, I, Tim Pawlenty, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, August 25, 2006, as:

WILLIAM (BILL) CHARLES NORRIS DAY

in the State of Minnesota.

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 24th day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand and six, and of the State the one hundred forty-eighth.

GOVERNOR

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