

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MINNESOTA SENATE FILE 85
AND MINNESOTA HOUSE FILE 113**

WHEREAS, the Becker School District is located in Sherburne County, which hosts Xcel Energy's Sherco Power Generating Plant that produces 2,400 megawatts of electricity and supplies more than 2.5 million people with reliable and cost effective energy; and

WHEREAS, the Becker School District, City of Becker and the Sherburne County Board and others support natural gas and carbon free and renewable energy fuel sources; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a combined-cycle natural gas electric generating plant in Becker and Sherburne County would create immense economic development opportunities, create jobs, attract families and students, and assist all the stakeholders in transitioning from a coal based economy; and

WHEREAS, there is sufficient land available to build a combined-cycle natural gas electric generating plant in the City of Becker and Sherburne County; and

WHEREAS, Xcel Energy and the Sherco plant have long been good corporate neighbors, active partners in the community, supportive of the Becker School District, and desire to build a combined-cycle natural gas electric generating plant in Becker, Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Becker School District does hereby support House File 113 and Senate File 85.

Adopted this 6th day of February 2017.

Aaron Jurek, Board Chair

Attest:

Mark Swanson, Clerk