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Joint Resolution

59th Legislature

SENATE HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION	
EXHIBIT NO.	<u>1</u>
DATE:	<u>2/11 /2005</u>
BILL NO.	<u>LC _____</u>

\_\_\_\_\_ JOINT RELOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

INTRODUCED BY \_\_\_\_\_

A JOINT RESLOUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING CONGRESS TO PASS A WELL FUNDED FEDERAL HIGHWAY BILL IN A TIMELY MANNER, WHILE ALSO PROTECTING MONTANA'S INTERESTS.

WHEREAS, a well funded Federal highway program is important to the economy and quality of life in Montana, creating and maintaining jobs for Montanans, facilitating commerce in Montana, and enabling Montanans to travel safely to school, work, hospitals, stores, places of recreation and other destinations that are important to a high quality of life;

WHEREAS, Congress has not yet enacted legislation providing for a multi-year reauthorization of the Federal highway program, hampering the ability of the State to deliver needed highway improvements to the citizens of Montana; and

WHEREAS, Montana has a vast highway system that serves national as well as state transportation needs, has few citizens to finance its maintenance and improvement, and it is essential that Montana's position in the Federal highway program be perpetuated in the reauthorization.

29 NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND  
30 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA THAT:

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32 The Montana Legislature strongly supports prompt enactment of a well-funded,  
33 multi-year Federal highway program that includes a highway funding formula that  
34 is at least as favorable to Montana's share of the program as the formula in the  
35 most recent multi-year Federal highway legislation.

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