



A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA EXPRESSING THE OPINION OF THE LEGISLATURE THAT THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MONTANA'S GIFT TO THE UNITED STATES OF THE STATUE OF CHARLES M. RUSSELL AND THE PENDING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF MONTANA'S GIFT TO THE UNITED STATES OF THE STATUE OF JEANNETTE RANKIN DESERVE RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION.

WHEREAS, in the same year that Montana became a territory of the United States in 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed legislation creating the national Statuary Hall, which stated in part: "...the President is hereby authorized to invite each and all the States to provide and furnish statues, in marble or bronze, not exceeding two in number for each State, of deceased persons who have been citizens thereof, and illustrious for their historic renown or for distinguished civic or military services such as each State may deem to be worthy of this national commemoration; and when so furnished the same shall be placed in the Old Hall of the House of Representatives, in the Capitol of the United States, which is set apart, or so much thereof as may be necessary, as a national statuary hall for the purpose herein indicated"; and

WHEREAS, in the year 1889 Montana was admitted into the Union as a state, thus conferring the right to provide and furnish two statues to be placed in Statuary Hall at the nation's Capitol; and

WHEREAS, in 1929 Montana Governor Erickson signed legislation approving Charles M. Russell as the first Montana citizen to be chosen for national commemoration in Statuary Hall; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 1959, the State of Montana, after a large Montana parade accompanied by a large celebratory gathering in the nation's Capitol, formally gave to the United States for placement in Statuary Hall a bronze statue of Charles M. Russell sculpted by artist John B. Weaver; and

WHEREAS, the statue of Charles M. Russell has been on continuous display for 50 years as of March 19, 2009, and the State of Montana should officially recognize through this resolution the 50th Anniversary of Montana's gift of the Charles M. Russell statue to the United States; and

WHEREAS, in 1983, Montana Governor Schwinden signed legislation approving Jeannette Rankin as the second Montana citizen to be chosen for national commemoration in Statuary Hall; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 1985, emissaries of the State of Montana, accompanied by a large celebratory gathering in the nation's Capitol, formally gave to the United States for placement in Statuary Hall a bronze statue of Jeannette Rankin sculpted by artist Mary Theresa Mimnaugh; and

WHEREAS, the statue of Jeannette Rankin will have been on continuous display for 25 years as of May 1, 2010, and the State of Montana should officially recognize through this resolution the pending 25th Anniversary of Montana's gift of the Jeannette Rankin statue to the United States.

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

That the Senate and House of Representatives are of the opinion that the 50th Anniversary on March 19, 2009, of Montana's gift to the United States of the statue of Charles M. Russell and the pending 25th Anniversary on May 1, 2010, of Montana's gift to the United States of the statue of Jeannette Rankin deserve recognition and celebration.

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I hereby certify that the within joint resolution,
HJ 0022, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

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