

HOUSE BILL NO. 21
INTRODUCED BY F. SMITH

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT DESIGNATING WOLF POINT, MONTANA, AS THE SITE OF THE MONTANA COWBOY HALL OF FAME AND DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IDENTIFY IT AS SUCH ON OFFICIAL STATE MAPS."

WHEREAS, Wolf Point has the oldest continually held rodeo in Montana; and

WHEREAS, Montana Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) yearend winners and Montana PRCA Circuit Finals contestants have chosen the Wolf Point Wild Horse Stampede Committee 12 times in the last 13 years as the Montana Pro Rodeo Committee of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Wolf Point is home of rodeo legend stock contractor, Marvin Brookman, who is currently the oldest active PRCA cardholder in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to local history that is provided in Marvin Presser's book Wolf Point: A City of Destiny, it was during the midteens of the 1900s that "local Cowboys and Indians would hold an impromptu gathering and stage a little afternoon rodeo on the downtown dirt streets on a summer afternoon"; and

WHEREAS, Wolf Point is located on the stretch of U.S. Highway 2, a coast-to-coast artery of the United States, that was originally part of the Theodore Roosevelt International Highway when it was first constructed in 1919; and

WHEREAS, local history reflects traditions of the Indian horsemen, along with some of the largest cattle and horse ranches in Montana; and

WHEREAS, Wolf Point is the birthplace of renowned Hollywood movie star, trick-rope performer, and American cowboy hero Montie Montana; and

WHEREAS, the hall of fame would be housed in conjunction with a museum facility currently in development along U.S. Highway 2 in Wolf Point.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Montana cowboy hall of fame -- Wolf Point.** (1) The city of Wolf Point is designated as the site of the Montana cowboy hall of fame.

(2) The department of commerce and the department of transportation shall identify the city of Wolf Point

as the location of the Montana cowboy hall of fame on official state maps.

NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 1, chapter 1, part 5, and the provisions of Title 1, chapter 1, part 5, apply to [section 1].

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