HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 16

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THAT THE <u>REVISION AND</u> RECODIFICATION OF TITLE 87 OF THE MONTANA CODE ANNOTATED BE GIVEN PRIORITY BY THE CODE COMMISSIONER.

WHEREAS, section 1-11-204(3)(b), MCA, directs the Code Commissioner to recodify the Montana Code Annotated on a title-by-title basis in a manner that is secondary to the completion of other interim duties; and

WHEREAS, the hunting and fishing heritage of Montana recreationists means that a large number of Montanans are subject to the fish and game laws; and

WHEREAS, there are a large number of fish and game bills every session and significant changes to the fish and game laws are enacted at each session; and

WHEREAS, the law school and other entities have expressed the desire to assist the Legislative Branch in long-term projects related to Montana law; and

WHEREAS, practitioners, judges, and citizens find Title 87 of the Montana Code Annotated difficult to use.

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

That the <u>REVISION AND</u> recodification of Title 87 of the Montana Code Annotated be given priority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that entities interested in assisting in the <u>REVISION AND</u> recodification of Title 87 are encouraged to participate in the <u>REVISION AND</u> recodification process.

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