

## 1 HOUSE BILL NO. 299

2 INTRODUCED BY W. WARBURTON

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE PATRICK A. PYETTE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY  
5 BETWEEN CHINOOK AND ZURICH ALONG U.S. HIGHWAY 2; ESTABLISHING THE JOSHUA RAVEN CHIEF  
6 THOMAS "JOSH" RUTHERFORD MEMORIAL HIGHWAY BETWEEN ZURICH AND HARLEM ALONG U.S.  
7 HIGHWAY 2; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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9 WHEREAS, Patrick A. Pyette, working as the Undersheriff for the Blaine County Sheriff's Office in  
10 Chinook, died in the line of duty Wednesday, December 14, 2011, while directing traffic around the scene of a  
11 disabled truck on U.S. Highway 2, between Harlem and Chinook; and

12 WHEREAS, Patrick A. Pyette was dedicated to his community and the people of northcentral Montana  
13 and served the people of Montana with integrity and compassion during his 10 years in the Blaine County Sheriff's  
14 Office and as a lifelong Montanan; and

15 WHEREAS, Joshua Raven Chief Thomas "Josh" Rutherford, working as a Deputy for the Blaine County  
16 Sheriff's Office in Chinook, died in the line of duty Wednesday, May 29, 2004, while responding to a domestic  
17 disturbance not far from Harlem, where he lived; and

18 WHEREAS, Josh Rutherford was committed to his family and community and proud to serve in a career  
19 in law enforcement, as were his father, his brother, his sister, and others in his family; and

20 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 2 is a crucial and essential transportation artery along Montana's storied  
21 "Hi-Line".

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

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25 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Patrick A. Pyette memorial highway.** (1) There is established the Patrick  
26 A. Pyette memorial highway on the existing U.S. highway 2 from the eastern boundary of the city of Chinook to  
27 the community of Zurich.

28 (2) When existing road signs on the designated highway need replacement, the department shall provide  
29 appropriate markers to recognize the memorial designation of the highway.

30 (3) Maps that identify roadways in Montana must be updated to reflect the memorial designation in

1 subsection (1) when the maps are updated.

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3 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Joshua Raven Chief Thomas "Josh" Rutherford memorial highway.**

4 (1) There is established the Joshua Raven Chief Thomas "Josh" Rutherford memorial highway on the existing  
5 U.S. highway 2 from the community of Zurich to the western boundary of the city of Harlem.

6 (2) When existing road signs on the designated highway need replacement, the department shall provide  
7 appropriate markers to recognize the memorial designation of the highway.

8 (3) Maps that identify roadways in Montana must be updated to reflect the memorial designation in  
9 subsection (1) when the maps are updated.

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11 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Sections 1 and 2] are intended to be codified  
12 as integral parts of Title 60, chapter 1, part 2, and the provisions of Title 60, chapter 1, part 2, apply to [sections  
13 1 and 2].

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15 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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