

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2
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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECOGNIZING
5 75 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE OF SMOKEJUMPERS.

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7 WHEREAS, smokejumpers have been a source of prominence and pride in Montana and the nation since
8 their inception and have provided a continuing service to the state and the nation; and

9 WHEREAS, the smokejumper program attracts highly competent, committed, and competitive personnel
10 of diverse cultural backgrounds from around the nation to live and work in Montana; and

11 WHEREAS, smokejumpers have engaged in the educational, economic, charitable, social, cultural, and
12 political sectors of Montana, in addition to their national service; and

13 WHEREAS, many smokejumpers have chosen Montana as the state in which to work, live, raise their
14 families, serve, and retire; and

15 WHEREAS, according to its mission statement, the National Smokejumper Association is "dedicated to
16 preserving the history and lore of smokejumping, maintaining and restoring our nation's forest and grassland
17 resources, responding to special needs of smokejumpers and their families and advocating for the program's
18 evolution"; and

19 WHEREAS, the values of the National Smokejumper Association are comradeship, education, pride in
20 work well done, and loyalty; and

21 WHEREAS, in July 2015 on the University of Montana campus, the National Smokejumper Association
22 will celebrate the 75th anniversary of the first parachute jump to a forest fire, which occurred in July 1940.

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24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
25 MONTANA:

26 That the House of Representatives of the State of Montana recognizes 75 years of excellence and
27 dedicated service of smokejumpers in Montana and across the nation.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the National
29 Smokejumper Association.

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