

HOUSE BILL NO. 719

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE JEANNETTE RANKIN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY
IN MISSOULA COUNTY; DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL SIGNS AT
THE LOCATION AND TO INCLUDE THE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY ON THE NEXT PUBLICATION OF THE
STATE HIGHWAY MAP; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE
DATE."

WHEREAS, Jeannette Rankin was born near Missoula, Montana, on June 11, 1880. She grew up on a
ranch, which she helped to maintain, and enjoyed the outdoor Montana lifestyle many of us cherish; and

WHEREAS, Jeannette Rankin studied at the University of Montana, graduating in 1902 with a Bachelor
of Science degree in biology; and

WHEREAS, Jeannette Rankin worked as a social worker before becoming involved in the women's
suffrage movement; and

WHEREAS, Jeannette Rankin's advocacy work in Montana was instrumental in granting women the
unrestricted right to vote in Montana in 1914; and

WHEREAS, Jeannette Rankin was significant in initiating legislation that eventually became the 19th
Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, granting unrestricted voting rights to women; and

WHEREAS, Jeannette Rankin made history as the first woman to hold federal office in the United States
when she was elected to serve in the U.S. Congress; and

WHEREAS, Jeannette Rankin was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1916 and again in 1940; and

WHEREAS, Jeannette Rankin passed away in 1973 leaving a legacy of advocacy and freedom for future

1 generations; and

2 WHEREAS, the 66th Legislature of the State of Montana honors Jeannette Rankin for her exemplary life
3 of service and leadership.

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

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7 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Jeannette Rankin memorial highway.** (1) There is established the
8 Jeannette Rankin memorial highway on existing interstate 90 from mile marker 101 to mile marker 106.

9 (2) The department shall design and install appropriate signs marking the location of the Jeannette
10 Rankin memorial highway.

11 (3) Maps that identify roadways in Montana must be updated to include the location of the Jeannette
12 Rankin memorial highway when the department updates and publishes the state maps.

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14 NEW SECTION. **Section 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated \$1 for the biennium beginning July
15 1, 2019, from the state general fund to the department of transportation for the purpose of [section 1].

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17 NEW SECTION. **Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
18 integral part of Title 60, chapter 1, part 2, and the provisions of Title 60, chapter 1, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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

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