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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 748
2	INTRODUCED BY J. BAHR
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MINNIE SPOTTED-WOLF MEMORIAL
5	HIGHWAY IN PONDERA COUNTY; DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL
6	SIGNS AT THE LOCATION AND TO INCLUDE THE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY ON THE NEXT PUBLICATION OF
7	THE STATE HIGHWAY MAP; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
8	EFFECTIVE DATE."
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10	WHEREAS, Minnie Spotted-Wolf was born on a ranch near Heart Butte, Montana, in 1923; and
11	WHEREAS, Minnie Spotted-Wolf was a member of the Blackfeet Tribe; and
12	WHEREAS, as a young woman, Minnie Spotted-Wolf worked her father's ranch, where her work included
13	driving a 2-ton truck and breaking horses; and
14	WHEREAS, Private Minnie Spotted-Wolf became the first Native American woman to serve in the United
15	States Marine Corps when she enlisted in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in July 1943; and
16	WHEREAS, Minnie Spotted-Wolf's ranch working experience served her well as a heavy equipment
17	operator and driver for the United States Marine Corps; and
18	WHEREAS, Minnie Spotted-Wolf served in the United States Marine Corps in World War II and in peace
19	time, from 1943 to 1947; and
20	WHEREAS, after her military service, Minnie Spotted-Wolf earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in
21	Elementary Education from Northern Montana College and spent 29 years as a teacher; and
22	WHEREAS, Minnie Spotted-Wolf passed away on January 1, 1988, leaving a legacy of service, both as
23	a Marine and as a teacher; and
24	WHEREAS, the 66th Legislature of the State of Montana honors Minnie Spotted-Wolf for her exemplary
25	life of service and leadership.
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27	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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29	NEW SECTION. Section 1. Minnie Spotted-Wolf memorial highway. (1) There is established the
30	Minnie Spotted-Wolf memorial highway on existing U.S. highway 89 from mile marker 85.3 to mile marker 89.



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1	(2) The department shall design and install appropriate signs marking the location of the Minnie
2	Spotted-Wolf memorial highway.
3	(3) Maps that identify roadways in Montana must be updated to include the location of the Minnie
4	Spotted-Wolf memorial highway when the department updates and publishes the state maps.
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6	NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated \$1 from the general fund to the
7	department of transportation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, for the purpose of [section 1].
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9	NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction. [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
10	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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12	NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.
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