

HOUSE BILL NO. 748

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MINNIE SPOTTED-WOLF MEMORIAL HIGHWAY IN PONDERA 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, Minnie Spotted-Wolf was born on a ranch near Heart Butte, Montana, in 1923; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Spotted-Wolf was a member of the Blackfeet Tribe; and

WHEREAS, as a young woman, Minnie Spotted-Wolf worked her father's ranch, where her work included driving a 2-ton truck and breaking horses; and

WHEREAS, Private Minnie Spotted-Wolf became the first Native American woman to serve in the United States Marine Corps when she enlisted in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in July 1943; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Spotted-Wolf's ranch working experience served her well as a heavy equipment operator and driver for the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Spotted-Wolf served in the United States Marine Corps in World War II and in peace time, from 1943 to 1947; and

WHEREAS, after her military service, Minnie Spotted-Wolf earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Northern Montana College and spent 29 years as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Spotted-Wolf passed away on January 1, 1988, leaving a legacy of service, both as a Marine and as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, the 66th Legislature of the State of Montana honors Minnie Spotted-Wolf for her exemplary life of service and leadership.

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

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Minnie Spotted-Wolf memorial highway.** (1) There is established the Minnie Spotted-Wolf memorial highway on existing U.S. highway 89 from mile marker 85.3 to mile marker 89.



