

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 7
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4 A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECOGNIZING
5 THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF COLSTRIP, MONTANA.

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7 WHEREAS, the town of Colstrip, Montana, was founded in 1924 when the Northern Pacific Railroad
8 started mining coal from the Rosebud Mine to fuel their steam locomotives; and

9 WHEREAS, Colstrip is the home of the Rosebud Mine, which is part of the Fort Union Formation, a
10 geologic unit containing sandstones, shales, and coal beds in Montana and Wyoming, that dates from the early
11 Paleocene epoch, some 65 million years ago; and

12 WHEREAS, Colstrip is located in southeast Montana, surrounded by open rangeland, farms, ranches,
13 and the Little Wolf Mountains; and

14 WHEREAS, during World War II, Colstrip's Rosebud Mine was identified as strategically important
15 because it supplied coal for the Northern Pacific Railway steam locomotives hauling military equipment for the
16 war effort; and

17 WHEREAS, Colstrip is known as the "energy capital of Montana" and has a combined output of 1,480
18 megawatts; and

19 WHEREAS, the men and women of Colstrip working in the coal fields and energy plants have added
20 tremendous wealth to the state over the past 100 years; and

21 WHEREAS, today, Colstrip is a closely knit community with over 2,000 citizens and is the largest city in
22 Rosebud County; and

23 WHEREAS, Colstrip is home to 32 parks and offers a wide variety of recreational and sports activities;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the community of Colstrip plans to kick off a year-long celebration of its 100th anniversary
26 in June 2023.

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28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF

1 MONTANA:

2 That the State of Montana recognizes the importance of Colstrip to the past, present, and future of the
3 state.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a year-long centennial celebration is scheduled to begin in June
5 2023 and that all are encouraged to help plan, develop, participate in, and attend the kick-off and subsequent
6 events throughout 2023 and 2024.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to the
8 Governor, all state agency directors, the Mayor of Colstrip, and to each member of the Montana Congressional
9 Delegation.

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