

HOUSE BILL 603

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO
 5 THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FOR THE PURPOSE OF SENDING A MONTANA
 6 LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION TO MONTANA'S SISTER STATE OF
 7 KUMAMOTO, JAPAN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."
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9 WHEREAS, on July 22, 1982, the State of Montana and the
 10 Japanese Prefecture of Kumamoto officially became sister
 11 states; and

12 WHEREAS, on April 21, 1983, during the 48th Regular
 13 Session of the Montana Legislature, the House of
 14 Representatives by a vote of 85 in favor and 7 against and
 15 the Senate by a vote of 45 in favor and 1 against jointly
 16 adopted House Joint Resolution No. 38 expressing the hope
 17 for lasting friendship, understanding, communication, and
 18 educational exchanges with the people of the Kumamoto
 19 Prefecture; and

20 WHEREAS, the 48th Montana Legislature waxed poetic in
 21 adopting the language of the resolution, language that
 22 extolled the similarities of Montana's and Kumamoto's
 23 beautiful mountain scenery, burgeoning tourist industries,
 24 and forest and livestock industries and language that
 25 contrasted Kumamoto's ancient culture on the sea with

1 Montana's pioneer roots planted on the backbone of America;
 2 and

3 WHEREAS, over the past 8 years, the Kumamoto Prefectural
 4 Assembly has sent to Montana several delegations of
 5 assemblymen and other government officials on missions of
 6 good will; and

7 WHEREAS, Montana has been represented in Kumamoto
 8 several times by delegations of Montana officials, usually
 9 led by the Governor, but has not yet sent a delegation on
 10 behalf of the Montana Legislature.

11 THEREFORE, the 52nd Legislature of the State of Montana:

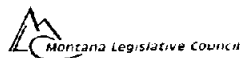
12 (1) once again sends its warm regards to the people of
 13 the Kumamoto Prefecture;

14 (2) reaffirms its wholehearted endorsement of the
 15 sister state relationship established with Kumamoto
 16 Prefecture in 1982;

17 (3) continues its hope and endorsement for cooperation
 18 between the institutions of higher education in Montana and
 19 Kumamoto; and

20 (4) hopes these relationships will continue to foster
 21 and enhance lasting friendships, understanding, and
 22 communication between the people of Kumamoto and the people
 23 of Montana.

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



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1 NEW SECTION. **Section 1.** **Appropriation.** There is
2 appropriated to the legislative council for fiscal years
3 1992 and 1993 from the general fund \$35,000 for the purpose
4 of sending a legislative delegation to Montana's sister
5 state of Kumamoto, Japan.

6 NEW SECTION. **Section 2.** **Effective date.** [This act] is
7 effective July 1, 1991.

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