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 2 INTRODUCED BY Harding Trust
 3 David Martin Lee MERCER
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 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE UNITED
 6 STATES CONGRESS AND THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
 7 AGRICULTURE, ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE
 8 (USDA/APHIS), TO SUPPORT, THROUGH APPROPRIATE FUNDING,
 9 MONTANA'S AND OTHER WESTERN STATES' RESEARCH EFFORTS TO
 10 PROVIDE REQUIRED DATA TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
 11 (EPA) TO MAINTAIN CERTAIN RODENTICIDE REGISTRATIONS; URGING
 12 EPA SUPPORT FOR THE MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
 13 MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE USE OF STRYCHNINE WITHIN ACCEPTABLE
 14 FEDERAL STANDARDS; AND URGING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE EPA,
 15 THE CHEMICAL PRODUCERS, AND THE STATES TO REGISTER
 16 RODENTICIDES.

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 18 WHEREAS, the 1989 Montana Legislature, through the
 19 adoption of Senate Joint Resolution No. 11, urged the
 20 Montana Congressional Delegation and the USDA/APHIS to
 21 support funding for the Denver Wildlife Research Center to
 22 conduct research to provide the necessary data to the EPA to
 23 maintain the registrations of strychnine and Compound 1080
 24 for rodenticide purposes; and

25 WHEREAS, despite the Legislature's urging, the required

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