

Senate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

INTRODUCED BY Jerguson Barlowe Russell

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING CONGRESS TO
AMEND THE NEZ PERCE NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARKS LEGISLATION TO
EXTEND DESIGNATION OF SITES TO INCLUDE THE BEAR PAW
BATTLEFIELD, THE BIG HOLE BATTLEFIELD, AND CANYON CREEK
SITES IN MONTANA.

WHEREAS, the State of Montana recognizes the historic
and national significance of the Bear Paw Battlefield, the
Big Hole Battlefield, and Canyon Creek sites in Montana as
the final chapters in the famous Nez Perce War of 1877; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana and its Indian and
non-Indian citizens wish to see these historic sites
preserved and interpreted by the United States National Park
Service in a manner appropriate to the important role they
played in our nation's history; and

WHEREAS, the United States National Park Service
conducted an additions study that in its 1989 draft report
recommended that 13 sites, including three sites in Montana,
be added to the existing Nez Perce National Historical Park
system; and

WHEREAS, the existing legislation that established the

Nez Perce National Historical Parks in 1965 limits the
designation of sites under that park system to sites within
the State of Idaho; and

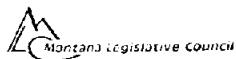
WHEREAS, an amendment to the Nez Perce National
Historical Parks legislation is required to include other
historically significant sites, such as Chief Joseph's grave
site in Nespelem, Washington, and the Bear Paw Battlefield,
the Big Hole Battlefield, and Canyon Creek sites in Montana;
and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Montana wholeheartedly support
the enactment of legislation extending the eligibility of
sites designated under the Nez Perce National Historical
Parks to other states, including the State of Montana; and

WHEREAS, the Bear Paw Battlefield, as the site of the
final battle of the Nez Perce Indians and the now historic
surrender speech of Chief Joseph, deserves protection,
recognition, and historic interpretation for the citizens of
Montana and for all people traveling through our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That the Montana Legislature urge our Congressional
Delegation to support amending the Nez Perce National
Historical Parks legislation to extend designation of sites
to include the Bear Paw Battlefield, the Big Hole



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1 Battlefield, and Canyon Creek sites in the State of Montana.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send
3 a copy of this resolution to each member of the Montana
4 Congressional Delegation.

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APPROVED BY COMM. ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 13

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WHEREAS, the citizens of Montana wholeheartedly support the enactment of legislation extending the eligibility of sites designated under the Nez Perce National Historical Parks to other states, including the State of Montana; and

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SECOND READING

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2 to include the Bear Paw Battlefield, the Big Hole
3 Battlefield, FORT FIZZLE, and Canyon Creek sites in the
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