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**SENATE** JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *18*

INTRODUCED BY *Speaker Zander Dan Brun*

*Daily* *McMahon* *B. McCarthy* *Jacobson* *V. Volkering*

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE UNITED

STATES CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH THE NATIONAL MINE WASTE TESTING

AND EVALUATION CENTER AS PART OF THE WATER, AIR, SOILS

TESTING AND EVALUATION CENTER (WASTE) AND TO AUTHORIZE

ADEQUATE FUNDING TO OPERATE THE CENTER IN BUTTE.

*Sen. Joseph* *Carlson*

WHEREAS, the nation, and Montana in particular, has been affected by environmental damage resulting from past mining practices; and

WHEREAS, the area of Montana within Butte and downstream from Butte on the Clark Fork River has received extensive environmental damage because of its historic contribution to the state's and the nation's economy through exploitation of its mineral resources; and

WHEREAS, the area of Montana within Butte and downstream from Butte on the Clark Fork River constitutes an excellent natural laboratory for the testing and evaluation of environmental restoration technologies related to historic and present mining activity; and

WHEREAS, significant economic development for all of Montana can be expected from the establishment in Butte of

an internationally significant research and development center for testing, evaluating, and developing environmental technologies relating to mining; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has allocated an initial sum of \$3.5 million for the establishment of a National Mine Waste Treatment and Evaluation Center in Butte; and

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WHEREAS, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation has designated matching funds for WASTE as its number one ranked recipient of a grant of \$300,000 from the Reclamation and Development Grants Program, funded through Resource Indemnity Trust (RIT) interest income and presented for approval by the 52nd Legislature.

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

That the United States Congress is urged to establish and provide adequate continuing funding for the National Mine Waste Testing and Evaluation Center in Butte and that federal agencies, such as the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of

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1 Energy, continue their commitment to development of WASTEC  
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APPROVED BY COMM. ON NATURAL RESOURCES

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 3 PIPINICH, DAILY, MENAHAN, MCCARTHY, JACOBSON,  
 4 VAN VALKENBURG, GAGE, GROSFIELD, HOCKETT, DOHERTY,  
 5 YELLOWTAIL, KENNEDY, THAYER, GRADY, DRISCOLL,  
 6 G. BECK, STANG, HOFFMAN, FRANKLIN, BIANCHI,  
 7 WILLIAMS, MANNING, BLAYLOCK, STIMATZ, NATHE,  
 8 DEVLIN, MAZUREK, JERGESON, KEATING, WATERMAN,  
 9 BENGTON, HAGER, J. NOBLE, ANDERSON,  
 10 SWYSGOOD, PAVLOVICH, HARP

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