

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20

INTRODUCED BY YELLOWTAIL, BLAYLOCK, FRANKLIN,
DOHERTY, RUSSELL, GERVAIS

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 14, 1991 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES.

FIRST READING.

FEBRUARY 23, 1991 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL
DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.

FEBRUARY 25, 1991 PRINTING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 26, 1991 SECOND READING, DO PASS.

ENGROSSING REPORT.

FEBRUARY 27, 1991 THIRD READING, PASSED.
AYES, 46; NOES, 2.

TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

MARCH 4, 1991 INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES.

FIRST READING.

APRIL 2, 1991 COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE
CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

APRIL 6, 1991 SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

ON MOTION, RULES SUSPENDED. BILL
PLACED ON THIRD READING THIS DAY.

THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.
AYES, 79; NOES, 16.

RETURNED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

APRIL 9, 1991 RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

Senate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *20*

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*Dorothy F. Farrell**Hollowtail Blaylock*
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WHEREAS, in 1881, a monument was placed on a mass gravesite at Last Stand Hill to commemorate the soldiers, scouts, and civilians attached to the Seventh United States Cavalry who fell at the Battle of the Little Big Horn; and

WHEREAS, although many members of the Cheyenne, Sioux, and other Indian nations gave their lives defending their families, traditional lifestyles, and livelihoods, no permanent memorial commemorates the sacrifices or the victory of the Native American peoples in this battle; and

WHEREAS, while Indian activists have noted the need to recognize Native American perspectives and participants in the battle since the 1970s, demonstrations and discussions have resulted only in the placement of a memorial plaque in the battlefield visitor center to honor Native American

sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, Custer Battlefield, which was carved out of the Crow Indian Reservation, stands today as an anomaly, not only as the only battlefield unit in the entire National Park System honoring an individual but in its emphasis in the role of the Seventh Cavalry and in its failure to properly recognize Native American perspectives and the participants who were victorious over General Custer and the Seventh Cavalry in the Battle of the Little Big Horn; and

WHEREAS, the time has come to end ethnocentric designations and to begin recognizing impartially the significant historical events of the battlefield area.

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

(1) That the Montana Congressional Delegation be urged to support legislation establishing a memorial at Custer Battlefield National Monument to honor the Native American peoples who fought at the Battle of the Little Big Horn.

(2) That the Montana Congressional Delegation also be urged to support legislation redesignating the area as the Little Big Horn National Monument.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to each member of the Montana Congressional Delegation, to the tribal chairmen of the

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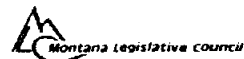
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