

1                    House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 39  
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 4    A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF  
 5    REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE PRESIDENT  
 6    AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE U. S.  
 7    DEPARTMENT OF LABOR TO PROVIDE FOR EXCEPTIONS TO THE MINIMUM  
 8    WAGE LAWS SO THAT PATIENTS IN CUSTODIAL INSTITUTIONS MAY BE  
 9    EMPLOYED BY THE INSTITUTIONS.

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 11            WHEREAS, the minimum wage has been increased to a level  
 12    that prohibits Montana's institutions from employing  
 13    custodial patients; and

14            WHEREAS, employment in a productive capacity has a very  
 15    therapeutic value and provides for the development of human  
 16    dignity; and

17            WHEREAS, many productive jobs could be performed by  
 18    custodial patients.

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

22            (1) That the President and the Congress of the United  
 23    States and the U.S. Department of Labor be urged to take  
 24    appropriate action that would allow for exceptions to the  
 25    1973 amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1936 so

1    that the institutions of Montana may employ custodial  
 2    patients.

3            (2) That copies of this resolution be sent by the  
 4    secretary of State to the President of the United States, to  
 5    Montana's congressional delegation, and to the secretary of  
 6    the U.S. Department of Labor.

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