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1 *Zause* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *50*
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE
 6 COMMITTEE ON PRIORITIES TO ASSIGN TO THE APPROPRIATE
 7 STANDING COMMITTEE A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY AND
 8 DESIRABILITY OF CREATING A PATIENTS ATTORNEY POSITION FOR
 9 MONTANA'S MENTAL HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS AND TO HAVE IT
 10 REPORT ITS FINDINGS TOGETHER WITH ANY PROPOSED LEGISLATION
 11 TO THE FORTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE.

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 13 WHEREAS, there has been much publicity generated over
 14 the plight of patients in Montana's mental health care
 15 institutions; and

16 WHEREAS, many times there appears to be no effective
 17 voice protecting the patients' human and civil rights; and

18 WHEREAS, legislation protecting the rights of these
 19 patients is deemed desirable; and

20 WHEREAS, the legislature, desirous of insuring all
 21 human and civil rights to patients in Montana's mental
 22 health care institutions, has no well studied plan to insure
 23 such rights for patients.

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 25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE

1 OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

2 (1) That the committee on priorities is requested to
 3 assign to the appropriate standing committee a study on the
 4 feasibility and desirability of creating a patients'
 5 attorney position for Montana's mental health care
 6 institutions;

7 (2) That this study have as its purpose the protection
 8 of the human and civil rights of patients at Montana's
 9 mental health institutions; and

10 (3) That the committee report its findings together
 11 with any proposed legislation to the Forty-fifth
 12 Legislature.

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