

1 H JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 24
 2 INTRODUCED BY L. Henrich Bradley Wiley
 3 W. H. Hager

4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA COMMENDING THE GREAT
 6 FALLS GAS COMPANY FOR HELPING HOMEOWNERS TO INSULATE THEIR
 7 HOMES TO CONSERVE ENERGY; ENCOURAGING OTHER UTILITIES TO
 8 EMULATE THIS EXAMPLE.

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 10 WHEREAS, the 1975 Legislature enacted Section 84-7405,
 11 R.C.M. 1947, which allows but does not require a gas or
 12 electric utility to make low interest loans for home
 13 insulation improvements and other energy conservation
 14 measures, and to recover the subsidized portion of the
 15 interest through tax incentives; and

16 WHEREAS, the maximum feasible conservation of energy is
 17 an important policy of the state of Montana, and the
 18 voluntary implementation of Section 84-7405, R.C.M. 1947, by
 19 the gas and electric utilities operating in Montana would
 20 make a material contribution toward achievement of energy
 21 conservation goals; and

22 WHEREAS, the Great Falls Gas Company, a smaller gas
 23 utility, has begun to implement Section 84-7405, R.C.M.
 24 1947, in the city of Great Falls and deserves the highest
 25 commendation of the people and legislature of Montana for

1 taking the initiative in an area where larger utilities with
 2 stronger capital positions have thus far declined to
 3 venture.

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

7 That the Great Falls Gas Company is given a vote of
 8 thanks for doing more than just talking about energy
 9 conservation in the household.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the other gas and electric
 11 utilities of Montana are emphatically encouraged to emulate
 12 The Great Falls Gas Company, and the Public Service
 13 Commission is emphatically encouraged to expedite such
 14 efforts as these utilities may make to implement Section
 15 84-7405 prior to the next legislative session.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Secretary of State
 17 send copies of this resolution to the presidents of the
 18 Great Falls Gas Company, the Montana Power Company, the
 19 Montana-Dakota Utilities Company, the Pacific Power and
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INTRODUCED BILL

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Approved by Committee
on Natural Resources

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