

House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *64*

INTRODUCED BY *F. Jenderson Robinson, Don Broad*
Bengtson, M. A. Dilligan & District Clerk Coy

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA TO ENCOURAGE THE CONGRESS TO TAKE NECESSARY STEPS TO RELEASE FUNDS FOR IMPROVING THE SAFETY OF RAIL-HIGHWAY GRADE CROSSINGS FOR OFF-SYSTEM ROADS.

WHEREAS, the Congress, in passing the Highway Act of 1973 and expanding upon it in the act of 1976, has responded to the need to improve rail-highway grade crossings both on and off the federal-aid highway system by providing important new sources of funding; and

WHEREAS, the Montana Highway Commission and the Department of Highways have responded to the existence of the federal programs by producing a rail-highway grade crossing inventory and list of priorities for improvement based on a hazard index that rates the need for grade improvements; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana can and will program the improvements on a 90:10 funding basis if the funds are released with a sufficient opportunity to obligate them; and

WHEREAS, it is important for the Congress to know that state and local officials in Montana are enthusiastic about

the program to improve the safety of rail-highway grade crossings.

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

That the Legislature urges Congress to take whatever action is required to assure the timely release of authorized funds aimed for rail-highway grade-crossing improvements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature recognizes the efforts the Highway Commission and Highway Department have made to enable Montana to participate in this federal program by preparing inventories and priorities and authorizing state level funding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to members of the Montana Congressional Delegation to be brought to the attention of appropriate congressional and executive branch leaders.

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Approved by Committee
on Highways & Transportation

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