

1 House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 82
 2 INTRODUCED BY Wild Game Committee
 3
 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ENDORSING THE
 6 REDUCTION OF COYOTES BY AERIAL HUNTING ON FORT PECK
 7 RESERVOIR.

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 9 WHEREAS, the increase in the coyote population on and
 10 near the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Range near
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 13 and near the range; and

14 WHEREAS, due to the rugged terrain in the Missouri
 15 River Breaks Area near Fort Peck Reservoir, aerial hunting
 16 of coyotes is most efficient during the winter while the
 17 coyotes are on the ice; and

18 WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has
 19 responded to objections by environmental groups concerning
 20 the reduction of coyotes on Fort Peck Reservoir by aerial
 21 hunting, in a manner the Legislature feels is adverse to
 22 this state and its livestock and game population.

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

INTRODUCED BILL

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 2 Montana Legislature as favoring the reduction of the coyote
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WHEREAS, due to the rugged terrain in the Missouri River Breaks Area near Fort Peck Reservoir, aerial hunting of coyotes is most efficient during the winter while the coyotes are on the ice; and

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