

Senate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. *50*
 INTRODUCED BY *Rep. Blackburn Robert Fassbender*
Walt McOmber Brown Warden *Gov.*

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 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA HONORING ACADEMIC
 6 EXCELLENCE ACHIEVED BY STUDENTS IN THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM.
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8 WHEREAS, excellence in any field of endeavor should be
 9 commended; and

10 WHEREAS, excellence in academics is particularly
 11 commendable because well-trained and educated minds are
 12 Montana's greatest resource; and

13 WHEREAS, education is state government's most important
 14 function since "the foundation of every state is the
 15 education of its youth"; and

16 WHEREAS, national scholarships are one means of
 17 honoring academic excellence achieved by Montana students as
 18 well as indicating how the education offered by the Montana
 19 university system compares with that of other colleges and
 20 universities throughout the nation; and

21 WHEREAS, five Montana students have been awarded the
 22 coveted Fulbright scholarship in the past 5 years, competing
 23 for this honor with the brightest and best-educated students
 24 in the country; and

25 WHEREAS, one Montanan won the prized Marshall

1 scholarship in 1973, the first ever awarded to a native of
 2 this state; and

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5 WHEREAS, Montana ranks 18th among all the states for
 6 the number of Rhodes scholars selected and the University of
 7 Montana has educated more Rhodes scholars than the
 8 University of Chicago, the University of California at
 9 Berkeley, Duke University, and other prestigious colleges
 10 and universities; and

11 WHEREAS, many students at all six units of the
 12 university system have achieved other types of recognition
 13 for academic excellence.
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15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
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17 That, the 45th Legislature joins in honoring all those
 18 Montana students who have achieved academic excellence and
 19 national awards recognizing those achievements; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature commends
 21 the university units' staff who aided and encouraged these
 22 students; and

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislature urges the
 24 Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education and the staff
 25 at all the university units to encourage academic effort and

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- 1 excellence in all its forms and to recognize education as
- 2 their primary reason for existence.

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Approved by Committee on Education

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