HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

IN THE HOUSE

January 11, 1979

Introduced and referred to Committee on Education and Cultural Resources.

1	HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 5
2	INTRODUCED BY Alussaul
3	BY REQUEST OF THE INTERIM SUBCOMMITTER ON EDUCATION
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5	A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
6	REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE HOUSE
7	APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE FINANCE AND CLAIMS
8	COMMITTEE TO ACT FAVORABLY UPON REQUESTS TO ALLOCATE COAL
9	TAX SEVERANCE FUNDS TO CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL PROJECTS.
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11	WHEREAS, the 45th Legislature amended 15-35-108(2)(h).
12	MCA, which allocates the coal severance tax, to include
13	cultural and aesthetic projects; and
14	WHEREAS, Article IX, section 4, of the Montana
15	constitution directs the Legislature to enhance cultural and
16	historical activities and to encourage their use and
17	enjoyment by the people; and
18	WHEREAS, the biennial allocation of a portion of the
19	coal severance tax would establish a solid foundation upon
20	which the Legislature could meet its constitutional
21	obligations for cultural and historical activities and
22	projects; and
23	WHEREAS, Montana's cultural and historical resources
24	are among her most valuable nonrenewable resources; and
25	WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has declared

1 that the cultural and historical foundations of the nation should be preserved as a living part of our community life 3 and development in order to give a sense of orientation to the American people; and WHEREAS, the Congress has further declared that a high civilization must not limit its efforts to science and technology alone but must give full value and support to the 7 other great branches of man's scholarly and cultural activity in order to achieve a better understanding of the past, a better analysis of the present, and a better vision 10 11 of the future: and WHEREAS, the cultural and historical resources of 12 13 Montana will be lost to the current and future citizens of the state if not properly encouraged, collected, preserved. 14 15 and disseminated; and WHEREAS, there is little organized effort to identify 16 17 and preserve folkways and traditional customs and expressions of the spirit common to Montanans; and 18 19 WHEREAS, cultural and historical resources contribute 20 to Montana's commercial and industrial growth, attract 21 visitors to the state, generate taxes and other revenue, and generally enhance the economy of the state. 2. 23

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

OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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INTRODUCED BILL

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That the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate
Finance and Claims Committee are encouraged to act
favorably, pursuant to 15-35-108(2)(h), upon funding
requests that provide for the enhancement and encouragement
of cultural and historical projects in Montana.

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