

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 2

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IN THE HOUSE

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March 13, 1979	Committee recommend resolution be adopted. Refer to bills committee for printing.
March 14, 1979	Reported correctly printed. Report adopted. Referred to second reading.
March 15, 1979	Recommend favorably by Committee of the Whole. Report adopted. Referred to Bills Committee for enrolling.

HR 2, INTRODUCED BILL
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A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING AN INCREASED RATE OF HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION IN THE STATE.

WHEREAS, public transportation in Montana is far from adequate to meet the needs of Montana residents due to the shortage of scheduled airline and railroad service; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the survival of Montana's economy to help its residents improve their circumstances by having access to improved transportation for people, materials, and services; and

WHEREAS, Montana ranks 47th in the nation in completed interstate highways, and one of the states ranking lower than Montana is Alaska, which for obvious reasons has no proposed interstate system; and

WHEREAS, the states surrounding Montana have completed or are in the final stages of completing their interstate highway systems; and

WHEREAS, Montana's economy depends heavily upon tourism, which amounts to approximately \$60 million in income to our state, and it appears incongruous that out-of-state and in-state residents traveling for pleasure

or in the conduct of business must travel over a great number of narrow and inferior highways throughout Montana; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is going to cut off all funds for interstate highways in 1986, and at the pace Montana is constructing interstate highways, we will not complete our highway system in time for the taxpayers in this state to have the advantage of federal funding for our interstate highways; and

WHEREAS, the loss of such funds would be devastating to Montana.

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

That the House of Representatives goes on record in support of a stepped-up program of highway construction which could insure that Montana taxpayers would receive their share of federal funds to complete the interstate systems in our state before the federal funds are cut off in 1986.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the House of Representatives encourages Governor Judge to do everything in his power to see that this resolution is carried out as a priority for the people of this great state.

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