

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

INTRODUCED BY C. SMITH, GRAHAM

IN THE HOUSE

February 11, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education.
February 21, 1981	Committee recommend bill do pass as amended. Report adopted.
February 23, 1981	Bill printed and placed on members' desks. Second reading, do pass.
February 24, 1981	Correctly engrossed.
February 25, 1981	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 92; Noes, 1. Transmitted to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

March 3, 1981	Introduced and referred to Committee on Education and Cultural Resources.
March 7, 1981	Committee recommend bill be concurred in. Report adopted.
March 10, 1981	Second reading, concurred in.
March 12, 1981	Third reading, concurred in. Ayes, 47; Noes, 2.

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March 13, 1981	Returned from Senate. Concurred in. Sent to enrolling. Reported correctly enrolled.
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 5   REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA HONORING THE  
 6   DISTINGUISHED MONTANA POET, DON MANKER, BY DECLARING HIM THE  
 7   POET LAUREATE OF MONTANA.

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 10   Montana should honor its people who have achieved eminence  
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 13   Montana poet of renown; and

14       WHEREAS, winning the National Book Award for his book,  
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 16   of this Montana poet; and

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 25   OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

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4                   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State  
 5   send an official copy of this resolution to Mr. Don Manker,  
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14 WHEREAS, the Montana Arts Council consists of  
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