

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 30

INTRODUCED BY CHRISTIAENS, HALLIGAN, FULLER, GOODOVER, BOYLAN,  
THAYER, GAGE, MANNING, B. WILLIAMS

BY REQUEST OF THE SENATE BUSINESS AND  
INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

IN THE SENATE

February 25, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on Business and Industry.  Committee recommend bill do pass. Report adopted.
February 26, 1985	Bill printed and placed on members' desks.  Second reading, do pass.  Considered correctly engrossed.
February 27, 1985	Third reading, passed. Ayes, 50; Noes, 0.  Transmitted to House.

IN THE HOUSE

March 7, 1985	Introduced and referred to Committee on State Administration.
March 26, 1985	Committee recommend bill be concurrent in. Report adopted.
March 30, 1985	Second reading, concurred in.
April 1, 1985	Third reading, concurred in.  Returned to Senate.

IN THE SENATE

April 1, 1985

Received from House.

April 2, 1985

Sent to enrolling.

Reported correctly enrolled.

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INTRODUCED BY *Christiana Kelly, Fuller*

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*Richard E. Plummer*  
*B. Williams*

*George Boyer*

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA HONORING THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION ON ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY.

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WHEREAS, at that time less than 6% of Montana's farms and ranches had central station electricity available to them; and

WHEREAS, since the first rural electric cooperative in Montana (at Sidney) energized its lines on December 17, 1937, 25 rural electric cooperatives and 16 rural telephone systems have been established in Montana that now serve over 90,000 farm and other rural and small town consumers with over 40,573 miles of line; and

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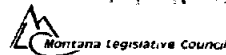
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

That May 11, 1985, be named "Rural Electrification Day" in Montana in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Rural Electrification Administration.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such day will recognize and honor the thousands of Montanans who worked at no profit and with no goal except to make a better way of life for their fellow citizens. It will honor the rural pioneers who, through their many years of often unrecognized labor, worked together to bring the blessings of modern electricity and telephone service to the Montana countryside and to the 300,000 Montanans now served by rural electric and telephone cooperatives.



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