

1 House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 32
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 4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF
 5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA WELCOMING DELTA AIR
 6 LINES AND ENCOURAGING COOPERATION BETWEEN DELTA AIR LINES
 7 AND MONTANA BUSINESSES AND GOVERNMENT TO STRENGTHEN AIRLINE
 8 SCHEDULES, MAINTAIN AND EXPAND SERVICES, AND REDUCE
 9 AIRFARES.

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 11 WHEREAS, Montana's economy is now reflecting the
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 13 reliance on air travel for continued growth; and

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 16 and expanding businesses and industries in Montana are
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 23 50% in the cost of airline tickets since 1984; and

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1 small populations such as Montana is paradoxical in a free
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12 WHEREAS, the possibility of Montana tax credits for new
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 16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
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18 (1) That the Montana Legislature welcomes Delta Air
 19 Lines to Montana and to Montana's business communities and
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 25 businesses and governmental entities, Delta Air Lines is

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1 encouraged to improve the support necessary to encourage
2 businesses and industries to locate in Montana.

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WHEREAS, Montana's economy is now reflecting the national trend toward high technology that requires greater reliance on air travel for continued growth; and

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