

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20

INTRODUCED BY SPAETH

IN THE HOUSE

FEBRUARY 8, 1989

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON EDUCATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES.

FIRST READING.

FEBRUARY 18, 1989

COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL
DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.

FEBRUARY 20, 1989

PRINTING REPORT.

SECOND READING, DO PASS.

FEBRUARY 21, 1989

ENGROSSING REPORT.

THIRD READING, PASSED.
AYES, 99; NOES, 0.

TRANSMITTED TO SENATE.

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 28, 1989

INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.

FIRST READING.

MARCH 14, 1989

COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE
CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.

MARCH 15, 1989

PASS CONSIDERATION.

MARCH 16, 1989

SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.

MARCH 18, 1989

THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN.
AYES, 46; NOES, 0.

RETURNED TO HOUSE.

MARCH 20, 1989

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RECEIVED FROM SENATE.

SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

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5 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING THE CITIZENS
6 OF MONTANA TO MAKE THE SALUTE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG A REGULAR
7 PART OF PUBLIC MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES.
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9 WHEREAS, it is fitting, in this bicentennial era, to
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11 which our great state and nation were founded; and

12 WHEREAS, the American flag is the emblem of freedom in
13 its best sense because it signifies government resting on
14 the consent of the governed, liberty regulated by law,
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16 the exercise of arbitrary power, and absolute safety for
17 free institutions against foreign aggression; and

18 WHEREAS, in the words of President Woodrow Wilson, "The
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23 experiences made by men and women, the experiences of those
24 who do and live under that flag"; and

25 WHEREAS, it is essential to the continued peace,

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4 WHEREAS, we support the statement of the United States
5 Supreme Court in Board of Education v. Barnette, 319 U.S.
6 624 (1942), that "To believe that patriotism will not
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8 spontaneous instead of a compulsory routine is to make an
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11 WHEREAS, we support the concept of a voluntary salute to
12 the flag in the public schools if done with respect for the
13 instructors and students participating; and

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19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE
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21 That the citizens of the state of Montana are encouraged
22 to make the salute to the American flag a regular part of
23 public meetings and activities.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salute to the flag be
25 included in the regular activities of the public schools as

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1 long as individual rights guaranteed under the Constitution
2 are respected and protected.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send
4 a copy of this resolution to each county and school district
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