

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

INTRODUCED BY HOCKETT, DEBRUYCKER

IN THE SENATE

FEBRUARY 15, 1993	INTRODUCED AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION.
	FIRST READING.
FEBRUARY 19, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL DO PASS. REPORT ADOPTED.
	PRINTING REPORT.
FEBRUARY 22, 1993	SECOND READING, DO PASS.
FEBRUARY 23, 1993	ENGROSSING REPORT.
	THIRD READING, PASSED. AYES, 46; NOES, 3.
	TRANSMITTED TO HOUSE.

IN THE HOUSE

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	FIRST READING.
MARCH 8, 1993	COMMITTEE RECOMMEND BILL BE CONCURRED IN. REPORT ADOPTED.
MARCH 11, 1993	ON MOTION, CONSIDERATION PASSED FOR THE DAY.
MARCH 12, 1993	SECOND READING, CONCURRED IN.
MARCH 15, 1993	THIRD READING, CONCURRED IN. AYES, 76; NOES, 22.
MARCH 16, 1993	RETURNED TO SENATE.

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MARCH 17, 1993	RECEIVED FROM HOUSE.
	SENT TO ENROLLING.

REPORTED CORRECTLY ENROLLED.

Senate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING CONTINUED FEDERAL SUPPORT AND FUNDING OF THE VISITOR CENTER OF THE UPPER MISSOURI.

WHEREAS, the Upper Missouri River is both a state and a national treasure that offers many historical and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 1976, Congress passed Public Law 94-486, which added the Upper Missouri River to the Wild and Scenic River System and provided for a visitor center for interpretation of the area; and

WHEREAS, Congress subsequently passed Public Law 100-552, which assigned responsibility for the visitor center to the Bureau of Land Management; and

WHEREAS, an interpretive prospectus and a cooperative agreement for the development of the visitor center was adopted in February 1992 by the Bureau of Land Management, the city of Fort Benton, and the Community Improvement Association; and

WHEREAS, \$1.6 million has been contracted by the Bureau of Land Management for the architecture and interpretive

design for the visitor center; and

WHEREAS, Fort Benton has been a national historic landmark since 1965; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the visitor center is to enhance existing interpretive services for visitors to historic Fort Benton, the Upper Missouri National Wild and Scenic River, the Lewis and Clark National Historical Trail complex, and the Nez Perce National Historical Trail; and

WHEREAS, tourism is a growing economic force in Montana, and the state is actively promoting a healthy tourism industry to meet visitors' needs and to improve its economic situation; and

WHEREAS, the visitor center would complement the state's efforts to strengthen and expand tourism and recreation and would contribute to economic diversification within the state; and

WHEREAS, the visitor center is expected to contribute \$300,000 to \$480,000 to the Montana economy and 15 to 25 new jobs by the year 2000.

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

That the Director of the Bureau of Land Management, the Montana Congressional Delegation, and the U.S. Congress be urged to continue to support the Visitor Center of the Upper

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1 Missouri.

2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the U.S. Congress be urged
3 to pass legislation to fund completion of the visitor center
4 project.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send
6 a copy of this resolution to each member of the Montana
7 Congressional Delegation, the U.S. Secretary of the
8 Interior, and the Director of the Bureau of Land Management.

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