

1 House JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 25
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF
 5 MONTANA SUPPORTING THE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT AND DEMONSTRATION OF INNOVATIVE
 6 TECHNOLOGIES FOR THE TREATMENT OF MINING, ENERGY, DEFENSE-RELATED, AND OTHER
 7 ENVIRONMENTAL WASTES AT THE WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY OFFICE AND BY OTHER
 8 ORGANIZATIONS IN BUTTE.

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 10 WHEREAS, Butte, Montana, has developed over the past several years an international reputation
 11 as the location for the development of new technologies for the cleanup and treatment of mining, energy,
 12 defense-related, and other environmental wastes; and

13 WHEREAS, several entities in Butte have contributed to this international reputation for excellence
 14 in waste remediation technology, including the Western Environmental Technology Office (WETO),
 15 Metanetix, Montana Tech of the University of Montana, and Mycotech, among others; and

16 WHEREAS, these organizations provide increased economic benefits to Montana and environmental
 17 benefits to communities around the world that are adversely affected by the generation of waste and
 18 pollution; and

19 WHEREAS, these organizations promote technology transfer to the private and public sectors and
 20 encourage the participation of industry, government agencies, the scientific community, and the public in
 21 understanding and applying innovative remediation technologies to difficult and potentially harmful
 22 environmental problems; and

23 WHEREAS, these organizations in Butte have led the way in developing and implementing proven,
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26 WHEREAS, these organizations have developed their programs through financial support from the
 27 United States Congress and federal agencies and through private investment; and

28 WHEREAS, these organizations are worthy of support from the federal government and the state
 29 of Montana because of their significant contribution to the economic well-being of the state and to the
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13 (4) That copies of this resolution be sent by the Secretary of State to the Montana Congressional
14 Delegation, to the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and to the
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