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*House* JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 12  
*Carroll*

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA URGING CONGRESS TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO ALLOW DISABLED MILITARY RETIREES CONCURRENT RECEIPT OF FULL LONGEVITY RETIREMENT BENEFITS AND SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITY COMPENSATION.

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WHEREAS, military personnel endure hardships, privation, the threat of disability and death, and long separation from their families in service to their country; and

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WHEREAS, the offset of retirement benefits by service-connected disability compensation presents an economic hardship to disabled military retirees, often reducing them to a poverty-level existence; and

WHEREAS, similarly situated federal civil service retirees do not face a reduction in civil service retirement benefits if they receive compensation for a service-connected disability; and

WHEREAS, it is fundamentally unfair to require disabled military retirees essentially to fund their own disability compensation.

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

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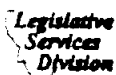
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