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Senate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 42

INTRODUCED BY ~~Jergeson~~ ~~Wilson~~ ~~Holden~~ ~~Holden~~ ~~Town~~ ~~Neuber~~ ~~Mitt~~ ~~Harzgrove~~ ~~Ron~~ ~~Schmitt~~

A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF ~~Montana~~
MONTANA REQUESTING THAT AN APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE STUDY THE CHALLENGES
CONFRONTING AND OPPORTUNITIES EMERGING FOR FAMILY FARMING AND RANCHING IN MONTANA;
AND REQUIRING THE COMMITTEE TO REPORT ITS FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND
RECOMMENDATIONS. ~~Wm Ryan~~ ~~Storall~~

10 WHEREAS, the tradition of family farming and ranching in Montana is increasingly threatened by
11 factors not associated with agriculture; and

12 WHEREAS, the escalating cost of agricultural land is a barrier to new family farming and ranching
13 operations and to the continuance of long-established family farming and ranching operations; and

14 WHEREAS, the promotion and preservation of family farming and ranching extends beyond romantic
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16 WHEREAS, there exists a strong interdependence and economic synergy among Montana's family
17 farms and ranches, commercial agricultural entities, financial institutions, main street businesses, state and
18 local governments, including schools and universities, and others; and

19 WHEREAS, an exploration of the challenges facing family farming and ranching in Montana may lead
20 to the identification of a range of opportunities for establishing new and preserving existing family farms
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23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
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1 (3) identifying challenges and opportunities related to the establishment, continuation, and
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Senate JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 43

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Jergeson *Holden* *Nelson* *Bush* *Hargrove* *Ron*
Wilson *Holden* *Tom* *Kevin* *Mitch* *Marion* *Schmid*

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