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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20

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A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA REQUESTING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO INCREASE THE HOURS OF SERVICE AT MONTANA-CANADA CUSTOMS PORTS OF ENTRY.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency has reduced the hours of service at several Montana-Canada customs ports of entry; and

WHEREAS, the hours of service reductions have impeded commerce and trade between Montana and Canada as well as the free flow of cross-border travel for business, leisure, competitive sports, and the maintenance of family ties; and

WHEREAS, Montana and Canada have a trading relationship that enhances the economic viability of communities on both sides of the border, including \$1.2 billion in goods and services exported from Montana to Canada annually; and

WHEREAS, Canada is Montana's number one export market, and Montana sells more goods to Canada than to its next 20 largest foreign markets combined; and

WHEREAS, Canada has been America's most trusted ally and its friendliest and largest trading partner, with bilateral trade of \$2.7 billion a day and over 300,000 people crossing the border each day.

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

That the 69th Montana Legislature, representing all citizens of Montana, requests the federal government increase the hours of service at Montana-Canada customs ports of entry to enhance trade and allow for increased cross-border travel.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send copies of this resolution to the



1 President of the United States and to the Montana Congressional Delegation.

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