

1 \_\_\_\_\_ JOINT RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
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4 A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF  
5 MONTANA URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO PROHIBIT THE TRADING OF INDIVIDUAL  
6 STOCKS BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILIES.

8 WHEREAS, the citizens of the United States expect that their elected representatives act in the public  
9 interest and not for personal financial gain; and

10 WHEREAS, members of the United States Congress have access to sensitive, nonpublic information  
11 and wield significant influence over legislation and regulatory actions that can directly impact the stock market  
12 and individual companies; and

13 WHEREAS, public trust in government is undermined when members of Congress engage in stock  
14 trading, creating the appearance or reality of conflicts of interest, insider trading, and self-dealing; and

15 WHEREAS, prohibiting members of Congress and their immediate families from trading individual  
16 stocks would strengthen ethical standards, restore public confidence in government institutions, and affirm  
17 Congress's commitment to serving the American people above personal financial interests; and

18 WHEREAS, numerous bipartisan proposals have been introduced in Congress to address this issue,  
19 reflecting widespread agreement across the political spectrum that stronger restrictions on congressional stock  
20 trading are necessary.

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

24 That the 69th Legislature of Montana urges the United States Congress to pass a law prohibiting the  
25 trading of individual stocks by members of Congress and their immediate families to restore the American  
26 people's confidence in government institutions.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to the  
28 President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President Pro

1 Tempore of the United States Senate, the United States Senate Majority Leader and Minority Leader, the  
2 United States House Majority Leader and Minority Leader, and to each member of the Montana Congressional  
3 Delegation.

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