_____ RESOLUTION NO. _____

INTRODUCED BY _____
(Primary Sponsor)

A RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA RECOGNIZING 85 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE OF SMOKEJUMPERS.

WHEREAS, smokejumpers have been a source of prominence and pride in Montana and the nation since their inception and have provided a continuing service to the state and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the smokejumper program attracts highly competent, committed, and competitive personnel of diverse cultural backgrounds from around the nation to live and work in Montana; and

WHEREAS, smokejumpers have engaged in the educational, economic, charitable, social, cultural, and political sectors of Montana, in addition to their national service; and

WHEREAS, many smokejumpers have chosen Montana as the state in which to work, live, raise their families, serve, and retire; and

WHEREAS, according to its mission statement, the National Smokejumper Association is "dedicated to preserving the history and lore of smokejumping, maintaining and restoring our nation's forest and rangeland resources and responding to special needs of smokejumpers and their families"; and

WHEREAS, the values of the National Smokejumper Association are comradeship, education, pride in work well done, and loyalty; and

WHEREAS, in July 2025, the National Smokejumper Association will celebrate the 85th anniversary of the first parachute jump to a forest fire, which occurred in July 1940.

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

That the 69th Legislature of the State of Montana recognizes 85 years of excellence and dedicated service of smokejumpers in Montana and across the nation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of State send a copy of this resolution to the National Smokejumper Association.

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