

HOUSE BILL NO. 748

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MINNIE SPOTTED-WOLF MEMORIAL
HIGHWAY IN PONDERA COUNTY; DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL
SIGNS AT THE LOCATION AND TO INCLUDE THE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY ON THE NEXT PUBLICATION OF
THE STATE HIGHWAY MAP; PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
EFFECTIVE DATE."

WHEREAS, Minnie Spotted-Wolf was born on a ranch near Heart Butte, Montana, in 1923; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Spotted-Wolf was a member of the Blackfeet Tribe; and

WHEREAS, as a young woman, Minnie Spotted-Wolf worked her father's ranch, where her work included
driving a 2-ton truck and breaking horses; and

WHEREAS, Private Minnie Spotted-Wolf became the first Native American woman to serve in the United
States Marine Corps when she enlisted in the Marine Corps Women's Reserve in July 1943; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Spotted-Wolf's ranch working experience served her well as a heavy equipment
operator and driver for the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Spotted-Wolf served in the United States Marine Corps in World War II and in peace
time, from 1943 to 1947; and

WHEREAS, after her military service, Minnie Spotted-Wolf earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in
Elementary Education from Northern Montana College and spent 29 years as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, Minnie Spotted-Wolf passed away on January 1, 1988, leaving a legacy of service, both as
a Marine and as a teacher; and

WHEREAS, the 66th Legislature of the State of Montana honors Minnie Spotted-Wolf for her exemplary
life of service and leadership.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Minnie Spotted-Wolf memorial highway.** (1) There is established the

1 Minnie Spotted-Wolf memorial highway on existing U.S. highway 89 from mile marker 85.3 to mile marker 89.

2 (2) The department shall design and install appropriate signs marking the location of the Minnie
3 Spotted-Wolf memorial highway.

4 (3) Maps that identify roadways in Montana must be updated to include the location of the Minnie
5 Spotted-Wolf memorial highway when the department updates and publishes the state maps.

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7 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Appropriation.** There is appropriated \$1 from the general fund to the
8 department of transportation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, for the purpose of [section 1].

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10 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
11 integral part of Title 60, chapter 1, part 2, and the provisions of Title 60, chapter 1, part 2, apply to [section 1].

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13 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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