

1 HOUSE BILL NO. 794  
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6 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REDESIGNATING WOLF POINT AS THE SITE OF THE  
7 MONTANA COWBOY HALL OF FAME AND WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER; DIRECTING THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IDENTIFY IT AS  
9 SUCH ON OFFICIAL STATE MAPS; AMENDING SECTION 1-1-525, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE  
10 EFFECTIVE DATE."

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12 WHEREAS, Wolf Point has the oldest continually held rodeo in Montana; and  
13 WHEREAS, Wolf Point is home of rodeo legend stock contractor Marvin Brookman, who is currently  
14 the oldest active Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association cardholder in the United States; and  
15 WHEREAS, according to local history that is provided in Marvin Presser's book Wolf Point: A City of  
16 Destiny, it was during the midteens of the 1900s that "local Cowboys and Indians would hold an impromptu  
17 gathering and stage a little afternoon rodeo on the downtown dirt streets on a summer afternoon"; and  
18 WHEREAS, Wolf Point is located on the stretch of U.S. Highway 2, a coast-to-coast artery of the United  
19 States, that was originally part of the Theodore Roosevelt International Highway when it was first constructed in  
20 1919; and  
21 WHEREAS, local history reflects traditions of the Indian horsemen, along with some of the largest cattle  
22 and horse ranches in Montana; and  
23 WHEREAS, Wolf Point is the birthplace of renowned Hollywood movie star, trick-rope performer, and  
24 American cowboy hero Montie Montana; and  
25 WHEREAS, the hall of fame would be housed in conjunction with a museum facility currently in  
26 development along U.S. Highway 2 in Wolf Point.

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

