

1 SENATE BILL NO. 274

2 INTRODUCED BY C. FRIEDEL

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4 A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE JUDGE PEDRO R. HERNANDEZ
5 MEMORIAL HIGHWAY IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTY; DIRECTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
6 TRANSPORTATION TO INSTALL SIGNS AT THE LOCATION AND TO INCLUDE THE MEMORIAL
7 HIGHWAY ON THE NEXT PUBLICATION OF THE STATE HIGHWAY MAP; AND PROVIDING AN
8 IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

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10 WHEREAS, Judge Pedro R. Hernandez lived in and served Yellowstone County; and

11 WHEREAS, Judge Pedro R. Hernandez dedicated his life to serving the residents of Yellowstone
12 County while working in the Billings Police Department and the Juvenile Probation Office; and

13 WHEREAS, as Justice of the Peace in Yellowstone County, Judge Pedro R. Hernandez served for a
14 record-setting 42 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Judge Pedro R. Hernandez served with humility and honor and showed compassion and
16 respect both from the bench and in the community; and

17 WHEREAS, Judge Pedro R. Hernandez touched the hearts and lives of the countless couples he
18 united in marriage, and often performed the weddings of multiple generations within families; and

19 WHEREAS, Judge Pedro R. Hernandez retired from the bench on November 30, 2017; and

20 WHEREAS, Judge Pedro R. Hernandez passed away after a lifetime of service to Yellowstone County
21 on November 22, 2020; and

22 WHEREAS, the 67th Legislature of the State of Montana honors the life and service of Judge Pedro R.
23 Hernandez.

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

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27 NEW SECTION. **Section 1. Judge Pedro R. Hernandez memorial highway.** (1) There is
28 established the Judge Pedro R. Hernandez memorial highway on the existing U.S. Highway 3 from the

1 roundabout at the top of 27th Street in Billings south to Interstate 90.

2 (2) The department shall design and install appropriate signs marking the location of the Judge Pedro
3 R. Hernandez memorial highway, stating his name, title, and the date of his passing.

4 (3) Maps that identify roadways in the state must be updated to include the location of the Judge
5 Pedro R. Hernandez memorial highway when the department updates and publishes the state maps.

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7 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an
8 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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10 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

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