

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0008

150th Anniversary of the 1868 Treaty of Fort Bridger.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Allen, Blake and Larsen and  
Senator(s) Anselmi-Dalton, Case and Ellis

A JOINT RESOLUTION

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION to commemorate the sesquicentennial of  
2 the signing of the 1868 Treaty of Fort Bridger.

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4 WHEREAS, the Shoshone (eastern band) and the Bannock Tribes  
5 of Indians, presently known as the Eastern Shoshone and  
6 Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, entered into a treaty with the  
7 United States of America on July 3, 1868 at Fort Bridger,  
8 in the Utah Territory, which is now present day Wyoming;  
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11 WHEREAS, each of the Tribes and the United States  
12 Government desiring for peace to continue among and between  
13 themselves signed the 1868 Treaty of Fort Bridger to keep  
14 and maintain peace; and

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1 WHEREAS, the legacy of the 1868 Treaty of Fort Bridger has  
2 had an impact in numerous ways on the lives of Tribal  
3 members of both Tribes from generation to generation since  
4 the signing; and

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6 WHEREAS, members of both the Eastern Shoshone and the  
7 Shoshone-Bannock Tribes have endured difficult burdens,  
8 sometimes navigating treacherous trails in their dedicated  
9 effort to preserve and pass along their physical and  
10 cultural identity, while at the same time making  
11 significant contributions to the development of the  
12 Republic; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Eastern Shoshone and Shoshone-Bannock Tribes  
15 plan a sesquicentennial treaty reenactment ceremony at Fort  
16 Bridger State Historic Site to honor the spirit of this  
17 area's rich past and its First Nations, with celebrations  
18 open to the public on July 3, 2018, including the  
19 reenactment between the Tribes and military slated for  
20 10:00 a.m. and dances, feasts and games throughout the day;  
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1 WHEREAS, the Eastern Shoshone and the Shoshone-Bannock  
2 Nations and their people continue to be integral components  
3 of American society.

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5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE  
6 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

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8       **Section 1.** That the Wyoming legislature commemorates  
9 the one hundred fiftieth (150th) anniversary of the signing  
10 of the 1868 Treaty of Fort Bridger by educating native and  
11 nonnative people about the Treaty and by illustrating that  
12 the Eastern Shoshone and Shoshone-Bannock Tribes continue  
13 to be significant contributors to the success of this  
14 country and its future with forward-looking, positive  
15 relationships with the United States Government and each of  
16 the several states, honoring the original intent of the  
17 Treaty.

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19       **Section 2.** That the Wyoming legislature supports  
20 nationwide public education about the heritage, history and  
21 contributions of Native American tribes and urges the  
22 federal government to uphold its federal trust  
23 responsibilities.

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2           **Section 3.** That the Wyoming legislature supports  
3 permanently displaying in Wyoming the original 1868 Treaty  
4 of Fort Bridger, which is presently on file with the  
5 National Archives.

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7           **Section 4.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming  
8 transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the  
9 United States, the Secretary of the Interior, the Speaker  
10 of the United States House of Representatives, the  
11 President Pro Tempore of the United States Senate and the  
12 majority and minority leader and whip of each house, the  
13 Wyoming Congressional Delegation, each state governor and  
14 the business councils of the Eastern Shoshone and  
15 Shoshone-Bannock Tribes.

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