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1	HOUSE BILL NO. 402
2	INTRODUCED BY F. SMITH, D. BAUM, C. FITZPATRICK
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4	A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REDESIGNATING WOLF POINT AS THE SITE OF THE
5	MONTANA COWBOY HALL OF FAME AND WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER; DIRECTING THE
6	DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO IDENTIFY IT AS
7	SUCH ON OFFICIAL STATE MAPS; AMENDING SECTION 1-1-525, MCA; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE
8	EFFECTIVE DATE."
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10	WHEREAS, Wolf Point has the oldest continually held rodeo in Montana; and
11	WHEREAS, Wolf Point was home of rodeo legend stock contractor Marvin Brookman, who was the
12	oldest active Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association cardholder in the United States; and
13	WHEREAS, according to local history that is provided in Marvin Presser's book Wolf Point: A City of
14	Destiny, it was during the midteens of the 1900s that "local Cowboys and Indians would hold an impromptu
15	gathering and stage a little afternoon rodeo on the downtown dirt streets on a summer afternoon"; and
16	WHEREAS, Wolf Point is located on the stretch of U.S. Highway 2, a coast-to-coast artery of the United
17	States, that was originally part of the Theodore Roosevelt International Highway when it was first constructed in
18	1919; and
19	WHEREAS, local history reflects traditions of the Indian horsemen, along with some of the largest cattle
20	and horse ranches in Montana; and
21	WHEREAS, Wolf Point is the birthplace of renowned Hollywood movie star, trick rope performer, and
22	American cowboy hero Montie Montana; and
23	WHEREAS, the hall of fame would be housed in conjunction with a museum facility currently in
24	development along U.S. Highway 2 in Wolf Point.
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26	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:
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28	Section 1. Section 1-1-525, MCA, is amended to read:



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1	"1-1-525. Montana cowboy hall of fame <u>and western heritage center</u> . (1) There is a The city of
2	Wolf Point is designated the site of the Montana cowboy hall of fame and western heritage center. Once the
3	recipient of the grant for site development and project planning authorized pursuant to section 4(7), Chapter 3,
4	Special Laws of May 2007, determines the location of the Montana cowboy hall of fame, the grant recipient
5	shall notify the department of commerce and the department of transportation.
6	(2) Once notified that the location of the Montana cowboy hall of fame is determined, the <u>The</u>
7	department of commerce and the department of transportation shall identify the site the city of Wolf Point as the
8	location of the Montana cowboy hall of fame and western heritage center on official state maps. When existing
9	road signs need replacement, the department of transportation shall provide appropriate markers to recognize
10	the site."
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12	NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.
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