

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. HJ0001

Wyoming territorial prison state park.

Sponsored by: Joint Travel, Recreation, Wildlife and
Cultural Resources Interim Committee

A Bill

for

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION proposing continued support for the
2 Wyoming territorial prison state park and historical site;

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4 WHEREAS, in 1986 the Wyoming Legislature created the
5 Wyoming territorial prison state park and historical site,
6 recognizing the uniqueness of the site and the need to
7 maximize and expand tourism within the state;

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9 WHEREAS, the people of Albany County have supported the
10 Wyoming territorial prison state park and historical site
11 by raising over fourteen million dollars (\$14,000,000.00)
12 through a capital facilities tax;

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14 WHEREAS, the people of Wyoming have supported the Wyoming
15 territorial prison state park and historical site by
16 legislative appropriations, including a state loan of ten

1 million dollars (\$10,000,000.00), which is being repaid in
2 accordance with the enabling legislation;

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4 WHEREAS, over ninety percent (90%) of these state and local
5 funds have been expended to restore the unique historic
6 site, on infrastructure improvements and debt repayment to
7 the state, while operational funds have been generated
8 primarily by other means;

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10 WHEREAS, the people of Albany County and surrounding areas
11 in Wyoming have donated tens of thousands of hours in
12 volunteer efforts to develop, maintain and operate the
13 Wyoming territorial prison state park and historical site;

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15 WHEREAS, a viable business plan for self-sufficiency of the
16 Wyoming territorial prison state park and historical site
17 has been developed and is being implemented as witnessed
18 by, among other items, an endowment of nearly six hundred
19 thousand dollars (\$600,000.00);

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21 WHEREAS, the Wyoming territorial prison state park and
22 historical site continues to have an annual economic impact
23 to Albany County of over two million dollars
24 (\$2,000,000.00);

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2 WHEREAS, the wisdom and vision of the Wyoming Legislature
3 in creating the Wyoming territorial prison state park and
4 historical site and recognizing the uniqueness of the site
5 and its impact upon the cultural heritage and economic
6 development within the state has become apparent, and
7 future Legislatures should maintain that vision.

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9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE
10 LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING:

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12 **Section 1.** That the commitment of the people of
13 Albany County to past and continued operation of the
14 Wyoming territorial prison state park and historical site
15 is hereby gratefully acknowledged.

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17 **Section 2.** That state financial support for the
18 Wyoming territorial prison state park and historical site
19 should be maintained including a state appropriation of
20 three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) annually, and
21 the park and site should be operated by a nonprofit
22 organization at current operational levels, thereby
23 maximizing the investment of the people of Wyoming.

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1 **Section 3.** That the Secretary of State of Wyoming
2 transmit copies of this resolution to the Board of
3 Directors of the Wyoming Territorial Prison Corporation and
4 to the Board of County Commissioners of Albany County.

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