



A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA ENDORSING THE OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY RICHLAND COUNTY TO CREATE A COMBINED FACILITY FOR THE RICHLAND COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE AND THE MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY MONTANA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION AT THE EASTERN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTER, SIDNEY, MONTANA.

WHEREAS, the Richland County Commissioners have concluded that the local community and the region would be best served by joining the functions and facilities of the Richland County Extension Office with the MAES Eastern Agricultural Research Center; and

WHEREAS, the State of Montana can provide a land lease to Richland County through existing authorities and procedures with the Montana Board of Regents or the State Land Board, or both; and

WHEREAS, the Richland County Commissioners have agreed to provide all financial resources necessary to fund the construction of the \$700,000 building for the Richland County Extension Service, including offices, support rooms, a large meeting room, and shared lobby space, connected to the research facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

(1) That the combined MAES Eastern Agricultural Research Center and Richland County Extension Office would serve to provide enhanced efficiencies and improved research and education opportunities for eastern Montana and the citizens of Montana; and

(2) That the Legislature authorizes construction of a \$700,000 building for the Richland County Extension Office if, in addition to the \$700,000 for construction, an agreement is signed between the Board of Regents and Richland County that ensures payment of all associated operating and maintenance costs by Richland County for the life of the building or until the building is sold; and

(3) That this resolution constitutes consent as provided in 18-2-102.

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HJ0008

I hereby certify that the within joint resolution,
HJ 0008, originated in the House.

Chief Clerk of the House

Speaker of the House

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

President of the Senate

Signed this _____ day
of _____, 2009.

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8

INTRODUCED BY D. KASTEN

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