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**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MAINE
SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION ON ITS 50TH
ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO MAINE CITIZENS**

WHEREAS, the Maine Snowmobile Association was formed in 1968 by a group of concerned snowmobile enthusiasts dedicated to the safe and responsible operation of snowmobiles in the State; and

WHEREAS, the 289 snowmobile clubs of the Maine Snowmobile Association now represent approximately 26,800 individuals and 2,100 businesses from Sanford to Allagash; and

WHEREAS, these citizens, through dedication to landowner relations and volunteer effort, have created a 14,500-mile trail system that is regarded as one of the finest snowmobile systems in the United States; and

WHEREAS, these citizens have persevered in maintaining and improving the image of family snowmobiling in the State and support the safe operation of snowmobiles throughout the State through adoption of appropriate legislation and enforcement of the State's laws; and

WHEREAS, snowmobiling generates hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity statewide every winter, promoting the local economies of many rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Snowmobile Association celebrates its 50th anniversary this year; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Legislature now assembled in the Second Regular Session, recognize this occasion and offer the Maine Snowmobile Association our heartiest congratulations on this milestone, with continued good wishes for many years of service to the people of Maine; and be it further

RESOLVED: That suitable copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be transmitted to the Maine Snowmobile Association in honor of this occasion.