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**JOINT RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE MAINE
SNOWMOBILE ASSOCIATION ON ITS 40TH
ANNIVERSARY OF SERVICE TO MAINE'S CITIZENS**

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

WHEREAS, the 285 snowmobile clubs of the Maine Snowmobile Association now represent approximately 26,800 individuals and 2,000 businesses statewide; and

WHEREAS, these citizens, through dedication to landowner relations and volunteer effort, have created a 13,000-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 an estimated \$350,000,000 in annual economic activity statewide, promoting the local economies of many rural areas; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Snowmobile Association celebrates its 40th anniversary this year; now, therefore, be it

That We, the Members of the One Hundred and Twenty-third Legislature, now assembled in the First Special 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

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