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**THE [SPONSORING ORGANIZATION] HOSTS MONTANA CONVERSATION “JEANNETTE RANKIN: AMERICA’S CONSCIENCE” WITH MARY JANE BRADBURY**

[City–date]

The [sponsoring organization] hosts Montana Conversation program “Jeannette Rankin: America’s Conscience” with Mary Jane Bradbury on [date of program]. The program is at [location and time of program]. The presentation is free and open to the public. Funding for the Montana Conversations program is provided by Humanities Montana through grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, Montana’s Cultural Trust, and private donations. We are funded in part by coal severance taxes paid based upon coal mined in Montana and deposited in Montana’s cultural and aesthetic projects trust fund.

Born to privilege in 19thcentury Montana, Jeannette Rankin found her passion working for child-labor and welfare reform. Humanitarian, pacifist, and tireless advocate for social reform, Jeannette Rankin became the first woman elected to U.S. Congress, and the only member of Congress to vote against U.S. entry into both world wars. Bradbury brings Rankin to life to tell about her journey from grassroots suffragist to being the first woman to participate in United State government. Hear in Rankin’s own words her views on equality and government reform—words that ring true today.

Mary Jane Bradbury is a historic interpreter and scholar who brings history to life for audiences of all ages. She is an artist in residence for the CM Russell Museum in Great Falls and the Montana Historical Society in Helena.

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