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Press Release

WASHINGTON D.C. – A TRIP OF A LIFETIME

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A Lincoln County High School student was selected to join about 25 other Montana students for an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., courtesy of Lincoln Electric Cooperative.

Melanie Finch, a sophomore at Lincoln County High School and the daughter of Wayne & Brenda Finch of Rexford, will tour the Capitol June 10-15. Melanie's selection was based on essays submitted to LEC. The annual Youth to Washington Tour offers 1,400 high school students from across the country the opportunity to experience our country's national treasures, see government in action and discuss the issues of the day with their Congressmen and Senators. Montana Youth Tour directors will arrange their delegation's visits to their U.S. Representative and Senators' offices, federal agencies, and other educational and sightseeing activities. In addition to the planned statewide activities, the Youth Tour experience encompasses multi-state activities coordinated by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA).

For some, the Washington Youth Tour is their first experience away from home. For many, it is their first trip to Washington where they have the opportunity to see our nation's history and democratic ideals in action. For these students, the trip is more than seeing monuments and going to museums, it is about being part of something special. They have the opportunity to interact with their peers, the best and brightest students rural America has to offer.

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