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## *The Colorado State Senate*

### SENATE RESOLUTION 00-009

BY SENATORS Dennis, Anderson, Arnold, Blickensderfer, Chlouber, Congrove, Dyer, Epps, Evans, Hernandez, Hillman, Lacy, Martinez, Matsunaka, Musgrave, Nichol, Owen, Phillips, Powers, Reeves, Rupert, Sullivant, Tanner, Thiebaut, Wattenberg, Weddig, and Wham.

#### CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF ADAMS STATE COLLEGE.

WHEREAS, In 1879, Billy Adams came to the San Luis Valley at the age of 17 to begin ranching; and

WHEREAS, Billy Adams was a man of vision who became the mayor of Alamosa by the age of 20; and

WHEREAS, Billy Adams, who eventually became a Colorado legislator and Governor of the state, turned his focus to establishing a teachers' college for the communities of Alamosa and the San Luis Valley; and

WHEREAS, Billy Adams persevered for three decades before obtaining the authorization from the Colorado General Assembly to found Adams State Normal School in 1921; and

WHEREAS, Adams State Normal School was originally established to educate teachers to work in remote, rural areas, such as the San Luis Valley; and

WHEREAS, The communities of Alamosa and the San Luis Valley faithfully supported the establishment of Adams State Normal School through methods such as a significant pledge of \$27,000 by Alamosa families and businesses to support Adams State operations in lieu of state funding and through the donation of books to the school's library by townspeople and faculty members; and

WHEREAS, Adams State opened on June 15, 1925, offering a 4-year college curriculum leading to a bachelor of arts degree with a life certificate to teach in the public schools of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Adams State's first fall term in September of 1925 saw an enrollment of 42 students taught by 3 faculty members; and

WHEREAS, In the following year, enrollment at Adams State had more than tripled to 132 students; and

WHEREAS, In 1929, the General Assembly appropriated \$100,000 for construction of a south wing of the administration building and in 1930 changed the name of the school to Adams State Teachers College; and

WHEREAS, In 1942, Adams State Teachers College was accredited by the American Association of Teachers Colleges; and

WHEREAS, In 1945, the General Assembly again changed the name of the school to the Adams State College of Colorado to recognize its development in fields other than teacher education; and

WHEREAS, Today, Adams State College of Colorado boasts 52 buildings on its 90-acre campus with an enrollment of over 2,500 students on campus and more than 10,000 additional students in extended studies; and

WHEREAS, Adams State College has 123 highly qualified full-time and part-time faculty members and offers bachelor of science, bachelor of arts, and masters of arts degrees, as well as associate degrees in pre-professional programs and concentrations in over 50 areas of study; and

WHEREAS, Adams State College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, the National Association of Schools of Music, and the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs; and

WHEREAS, Among its many accolades, Adams State College has Colorado Commission on Higher Education-recognized programs of excellence in business, biology, and music; and

WHEREAS, Adams State College has received the Sears Cup for top overall Division II athletic programs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Adams State College of Colorado has been recognized each of the last 4 consecutive years by an independent, national rating service, Institutional Research & Evaluation, Inc., as one of "America's 100 Best College Buys", which service annually evaluates colleges and universities across the United States and selects only those that meet high academic standards, but which keep costs among the lowest in the nation; and

WHEREAS, This distinction recognizes the excellent academic programs offered at Adams State College at a low cost to students; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable institution of higher education will celebrate its seventy-fifth anniversary this year; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-second General Assembly  
of the State of Colorado:*

That we, the members of the Senate of the General Assembly, extend our congratulations to Adams State College of Colorado on its seventy-fifth anniversary and commend its faculty, staff, and students on establishing a history and tradition of educational excellence.

*Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the following persons: Dr. Tom Gilmore, president of Adams State College of Colorado; Ferris Berbig, the mayor of Alamosa; and Bob Zimmerman, the chairman of the Alamosa Board of County Commissioners.

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Ray Powers  
PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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Patricia K. Dicks  
SECRETARY OF  
THE SENATE