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HOUSE RESOLUTION 01-1018

101 **CONCERNING THE GRANT BY THE BILL AND MELINDA GATES**
102 **FOUNDATION TO THE COLORADO CHILDREN’S CAMPAIGN TO**
103 **PROMOTE THE QUALITY OF CHILDREN’S EDUCATION IN**
104 **COLORADO.**

1 WHEREAS, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is a
2 foundation whose primary educational focus is small high schools; and

3 WHEREAS, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has
4 generously chosen to award a grant of \$8 million to the Colorado
5 Children’s Campaign; and

6 WHEREAS, The three purposes of the grant are to create four
7 high-tech specialty schools in Colorado with enrollments of
8 approximately four hundred students apiece, transform three large existing
9 high schools in Colorado into separate small schools with specific
10 academic missions, and create a network among existing charter high
11 schools in Colorado in order to increase communication, share expenses,
12 and maximize the schools’ academic and financial resources; and

13 WHEREAS, The grant will involve two-to-one matching funds of
14 \$16 million to be raised from public and private sources over the next five
15 years; and

16 WHEREAS, The grant will be of tremendous assistance in creating
17 small, personalized schools in Colorado, which in turn will promote the

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1 active involvement of students in the learning process; and

2 WHEREAS, The generosity and concern of the Bill and Melinda
3 Gates Foundation toward children's education in Colorado is reflected at
4 the national level with the Foundation currently having made
5 contributions totaling \$225 million in K-12 education grants and \$1.3
6 billion in scholarships; and

7 WHEREAS, The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant to the
8 Colorado Children's Campaign represents a substantial and welcomed
9 windfall to the children and their parents of Colorado who will be the
10 beneficiaries of these funds; now, therefore,

11 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third*
12 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

13 That, on behalf of the Colorado Children's Campaign and the
14 people of the state of Colorado, the members of the Colorado House of
15 Representatives extend their deepest and most sincere appreciation to the
16 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for its benevolent contribution and
17 unselfish commitment to quality education for the children of Colorado.

18 *Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be sent to
19 the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.