



HOUSE RESOLUTION 02-1013

BY REPRESENTATIVES Cloer, Dean, Johnson, Schultheis, and Smith.

**CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF THE 215TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION.**

WHEREAS, September 17, 2002, marks the 215th anniversary of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, On this day our nation will celebrate the oldest written national constitution currently in effect, a landmark legal document that is a testament to the wisdom and foresight of its authors and that serves as a model for democratic governments around the world; and

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution, a document of remarkable fairness and flexibility that has served our nation well for over two centuries, created a balance of powers and responsibilities among the three branches of government and among the federal government, the states, and individual citizens; and

WHEREAS, The adoption of the first ten amendments to the United States Constitution, known collectively as the Bill of Rights, added a clear, concise enumeration of the fundamental rights of individuals; and

WHEREAS, The United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights together express our nation's commitment to the principles first set out in the Declaration of Independence, "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness"; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of the anniversary of the United States Constitution reminds us that the Constitution and the Bill of Rights can only be effective guarantees of our rights and freedoms if we understand and appreciate the principles they enshrine; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third General Assembly, encourage the citizens of the State of Colorado to reflect not only on their many rights, but also on their responsibilities as citizens of this great nation on the 215th anniversary of the United States Constitution, September 17, 2002.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the American Legislative Exchange Council, the Heritage Foundation, the Independence Institute, the Rocky Mountain Family Council, the Federalist Society, the Family Research Council, Governor Bill Owens, the Colorado Congressional Delegation, the Colorado State Shooting Association, the Firearm Coalition of Colorado, the Pikes Peak Firearms Coalition, the Pro-Second Amendment Committee, and Colorado Gun Owners (of Pueblo).

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