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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 02-1057

101 **CONCERNING EFFORTS TO STOP THE SPREAD OF CHRONIC WASTING**
102 **DISEASE.**

1 WHEREAS, Chronic Wasting Disease is a neurological disease
2 found in deer and elk herds, both captive and wild, in portions of
3 Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, South Dakota,
4 Wisconsin, and Wyoming as well as in parts of Canada; and

5 WHEREAS, Chronic Wasting Disease belongs to a family of
6 diseases known as transmissible spongiform encephalopathies and is
7 currently untreatable and always fatal to infected animals; and

8 WHEREAS, Recent confirmed outbreaks in areas of Wisconsin
9 and western Colorado have shown the disease to be expanding into areas
10 of the country where historically Chronic Wasting Disease has not been
11 known to exist; and

12 WHEREAS, Recent outbreaks of the disease have resulted in the
13 destruction of thousands of captive and wild animals throughout the
14 country, causing the United States Department of Agriculture and state
15 agencies to expend significant resources in responding to the spread of

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1 the disease through increased costs of both research and management
2 activities; and

3 WHEREAS, The impact on state and local economies resulting
4 from the disease has been significant and will almost assuredly continue
5 to grow; and

6 WHEREAS, The continued threat of Chronic Wasting Disease will
7 have dramatic impacts on agricultural interests and local economies; and

8 WHEREAS, Chronic Wasting Disease management and research
9 presents an unprecedented and previously unforeseen challenge to state
10 and local governmental agencies responsible for protection of both wild
11 and captive animals; and

12 WHEREAS, Chronic Wasting Disease is a national and
13 international problem that requires a systematic approach by federal,
14 state, and local governments to research and manage this disease; and

15 WHEREAS, The existing human and fiscal resources available to
16 state and local governments are insufficient to address the threat created
17 by the expanding scope of Chronic Wasting Disease; now, therefore,

18 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third*
19 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring*
20 *herein:*

21 That the General Assembly hereby requests that the federal
22 government support state-based management of Chronic Wasting Disease
23 and offer any appropriate assistance to affected states, including
24 assistance from the United States Department of Agriculture and the
25 United States Department of the Interior, in the continued efforts to
26 research and manage Chronic Wasting Disease effectively.

27 *Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution be
28 transmitted to the following: the President of the United States, George
29 W. Bush; the President of the United States Senate, Richard Cheney; the
30 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, Dennis Hastert;
31 the United States Secretary of Agriculture, Ann Veneman; the United
32 States Secretary of the Interior, Gale Norton; the Governor of Colorado,
33 Bill Owens; the Governor of Kansas, Bill Graves; the Governor of
34 Montana, Judy Martz; the Governor of Nebraska, Mike Johanns; the
35 Governor of New Mexico, Gary Johnson; the Governor of South Dakota,
36 William Janklow; the Governor of Wisconsin, Scott McCallum; the
37 Governor of Wyoming, Jim Geringer; and to each member of Colorado's
38 delegation to the United States Congress.