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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 03-048

101 **CONCERNING HONORING DR. ALBERT C. YATES, PRESIDENT OF**
102 **COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY.**

1 WHEREAS, Since 1990, Dr. Albert C. Yates has led Colorado
2 State University as its President, the third longest tenure of a president at
3 Colorado State University; and

4 WHEREAS, President Yates has guided Colorado State University
5 to new heights and achievements in nearly all its dimensions, leading it
6 to its present status as "The Institution of Choice in Colorado"; and

7 WHEREAS, President Yates has provided visionary, thoughtful,
8 consistent, and often courageous leadership in the face of great
9 challenges, helping the University community to believe in its own
10 capacity for achievement and excellence; and

11 WHEREAS, The hallmark of President Yates' tenure has been his
12 commitment to "putting students first" and ensuring student learning and
13 success; and

14 WHEREAS, President Yates' leadership has created dramatic

*Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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1 increases in student enrollment, enrollment of ethnically diverse students,
2 academic achievement, and graduation rates; and

3 WHEREAS, President Yates recommitted Colorado State
4 University to its initial charge as a land grant institution by strengthening
5 the University's bond with agriculture, putting Colorado State University
6 at the forefront of many critical agriculture issues; and

7 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of President Yates, Colorado
8 State University's reputation as one of the nation's premier research
9 universities grew, increasing external research funding by 82% since
10 1990 and investing in Programs of Research and Scholarly Excellence;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, President Yates has dedicated himself to securing a
13 solid future for the institution by strengthening private donations;
14 encouraging Ram pride, loyalty, and *esprit de corps*; and enhancing the
15 University's relationship with students, alumni, friends, and other people
16 throughout the world; and

17 WHEREAS, President Yates has placed a high priority on
18 enhancing the overall quality of undergraduate education, leading to the
19 revamping of the core curriculum, creation of required first-year seminars
20 for all students, appointment of University Distinguished Teaching
21 Scholars, and a strengthened University Honors Program; and

22 WHEREAS, President Yates has committed his energy and
23 passion to enhancing diversity and access at Colorado State University
24 and worked diligently to build a more welcoming and supportive campus
25 climate for all students; and

26 WHEREAS, President Yates taught the University community to
27 believe in the importance of turning adversity to advantage, guiding the
28 campus through the 1997 flood and countless other crises with vision,
29 dignity, and a sense of humanity; and

30 WHEREAS, Over the past 13 years, Colorado State University has
31 gained in national stature and reputation, moving firmly into the top ranks
32 of the nation's public research universities; and

33 WHEREAS, President Yates was instrumental in the formation of
34 the Mountain West Conference and leading Colorado State University
35 from the Western Athletic Conference to the Mountain West Conference;
36 and

37 WHEREAS, Colorado State University men's and women's
38 athletics have continued to be successful, competitive Mountain West
39 Conference programs of high quality and integrity because of President
40 Yates' leadership and example; and

41 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of President Yates, the physical
42 appearance of the campus has been completely transformed into an
43 environment that reflects the institution's character, spirit, and
44 commitment to academic excellence; and

1 WHEREAS, Albert C. Yates ranks among the finest and most
2 dedicated presidents in the history of Colorado State University, and the
3 people of Colorado are proud to have benefitted from his leadership and
4 friendship for the past 13 years; now, therefore,

5 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly*
6 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

7 That, upon the retirement of President Yates, the people of the
8 state of Colorado celebrate an extraordinary leader and that we, the
9 members of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly, pay tribute to President
10 Yates for his years of dedicated public service and look forward to his
11 continued involvement in the community affairs of Colorado.

12 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be sent to
13 President Yates, the Colorado State University Board of Governors, and
14 Governor Owens.