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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 03-028

101 **CONCERNING PROCLAIMING MARCH 16, 2003, AS LIBERTY DAY IN**
102 **COLORADO.**

1 WHEREAS, Our rights and liberties are rooted in the cherished
2 documents that gave birth to our nation, those being the Declaration of
3 Independence and the United States Constitution with its Bill of Rights,
4 and those documents set forth the principles upon which our government
5 is based; and

6 WHEREAS, As Americans, we enjoy our freedom and the rule of
7 law through the documents that our founding fathers created; and

8 WHEREAS, Liberty Day, originally founded by members of the
9 Colorado Lions Clubs, was established to celebrate the Declaration of
10 Independence and the United States Constitution with its Bill of Rights;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, It is altogether appropriate that the 16th day of
13 March, the birthday of the distinguished founding father James Madison,
14 the fourth President of the United States, who was the major author of the
15 Virginia Plan -- the model and basis for the United States Constitution --

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1 would be designated as Liberty Day; and

2 WHEREAS, The core principles embodied in the foundational
3 documents that define the United States system of government form a
4 common bond to unite the people of the United States; and

5 WHEREAS, Informed and participative citizens exhibit that civic
6 responsibility and competence that will ensure the preservation of our
7 form of constitutional self-government; and

8 WHEREAS, The civic culture that defines the United States can
9 be sustained as long as each generation develops a deep understanding
10 and commitment to the principles of our founding documents; and

11 WHEREAS, Constitutional self-government places a tremendous
12 degree of responsibility and trust upon the citizens who are to govern
13 themselves; and

14 WHEREAS, The City of Centennial, Colorado, was founded by
15 the citizens of Western Arapahoe County seeking self-determination and
16 self-governance; and

17 WHEREAS, Liberty Day provides an opportunity for Centennial
18 citizens to realize the achievements of our founding fathers and the rights,
19 privileges, and responsibilities they secured for themselves and for
20 posterity; now, therefore,

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

23 That the General Assembly hereby proclaims March 16, 2003, as
24 Liberty Day.