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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 07-1035

101 **CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF HOME EDUCATION DAY IN COLORADO.**

1 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado is committed to excellence in
2 education; and

3 WHEREAS, The state recognizes the importance of parental
4 choices in pursuit of educational excellence and the significance of family
5 involvement in education; and

6 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado recognizes the rights of parents
7 to direct the education and upbringing of their children; and

8 WHEREAS, Home education is a part of America's national
9 heritage, as evidenced in the formative years of home-educated
10 Americans such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy
11 Adams, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt,
12 Abigail Adams, Patrick Henry, John Jay, Booker T. Washington, Andrew
13 Carnegie, Thomas Edison, Mark Twain, and Ansel Adams; and

14 WHEREAS, Home education is the fastest growing educational
15 alternative in this country, and thousands of parents in Colorado have

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1 chosen to teach their children at home; and

2 WHEREAS, Studies have found that, on average, home-educated
3 students in grades one through twelve score between the 75th and 90th
4 percentiles on national standardized tests; and

5 WHEREAS, The tens of thousands of students who are being
6 taught at home save our state and local governments at least one hundred
7 million dollars every year; and

8 WHEREAS, Home-educated young men and women regularly
9 serve as interns and aides in the Colorado House of Representatives and
10 Senate; and

11 WHEREAS, Home-educating parents should be commended for
12 their extraordinary sacrifice and the commitment they bring to the
13 education of their children; and

14 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that Colorado home educators and
15 home-educated children be recognized for their contribution to the
16 diversity and quality of education in Colorado; and

17 WHEREAS, Volunteer organizations such as Christian Home
18 Educators of Colorado and hundreds of home-education support groups
19 throughout the state provide a network of support, resources, and
20 encouragement to thousands of home-educating families; now, therefore,

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

23 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, honor,
24 thank, and celebrate home educators and the home-educated children of
25 this state and recognize April 13, 2007, as Home Education Day in
26 Colorado.

27 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
28 to the Christian Home Educators of Colorado and Governor Bill Ritter.