



**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 07-1035**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Lambert, Lundberg, Stafford, Balmer, Cadman, Gardner B., Gardner C., Hicks, Kerr J., King, Liston, Looper, Marostica, Massey, May M., McNulty, Mitchell V., Rice, Roberts, Rose, Sonnenberg, Stephens, Summers, Swalm, Vaad, White, Witwer, Carroll M., Casso, Frangas, Gallegos, Gibbs, Jahn, Kefalas, Labuda, Madden, and Romanoff; also SENATOR(S) Brophy, Schultheis, Johnson, Kopp, May R., Harvey, Mitchell S., Penry, Renfroe, Sandoval, Spence, Taylor, and Wiens.**

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Home education is the fastest growing educational alternative in this country, and thousands of parents in Colorado have chosen to teach their children at home; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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