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Second Legislative Day

Thursday, January 12, 2012

1 The Speaker called the House to order at 9:00 a.m.

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3 Prayer by the Reverend Michele Quinn-Miscall, St. Joseph Episcopal
4 Church, Lakewood.

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6 Pledge of Allegiance led by Rayshun Jennings, Jr., from Trails West
7 Elementary in Aurora, and his father, Staff Sgt. Rayshun Jennings, a
8 soldier stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs.

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10 The roll was called with the following result:

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12 Present--64.

13 Vacancy--1.

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15 The Speaker declared a quorum present.

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18 On motion of Representative Young, the reading of the journal of
19 January 11, 2012, was declared dispensed with and approved as corrected
20 by the Chief Clerk.

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23 House in recess for Joint Session.

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JOINT SESSION

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29 The Joint Session was called to order by the Speaker of the House, Frank
30 McNulty.

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32 On motion of Senator Morse, the morning roll call of the Senate was
33 made the roll call of the Joint Session.

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35 Present--34.

36 Excused-- Senator K. King--1.

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38 On motion of Representative Stephens, the morning roll call of the
39 House was made the roll call of the Joint Session.

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41 Present--64.

42 Vacancy--1.

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1 The Speaker declared a quorum present and as is customary presented the
2 gavel to the President of the Senate to preside over the joint session.

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4 President Shaffer requested the Joint Committee, composed of Senators
5 Guzman, Hudak, White, and Representatives J. Kerr, Scott, Fields to
6 escort the Honorable John Hickenlooper to the rostrum.

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8 Chief Sergeant-at-Arms Wallin announced the arrival of the Honorable
9 John Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado.

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11 The Joint Committee escorted the Governor to the rostrum where he
12 addressed the Joint Session.

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15 **ADDRESS BY THE HONORABLE**
16 **John Hickenlooper**
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18 When people think of the West, it's easy to envision wagon trains, Buffalo Bill,
19 the glory days of the Gold Rush. Cowboy hats come to mind ... rocks ... even
20 beer ... but let's talk about hats.

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22 John B. Stetson left Pennsylvania in the early 1860s, suffering from
23 tuberculosis, and came west. He soon found himself panning for gold in the
24 Colorado Rockies. Fierce storms, without warning, would come up over the
25 mountains and drench the mining camp. Mr. Stetson saw a problem in need of
26 a solution, and he had a unique skill. His father had taught him hatting as a kid,
27 and he made a felt hat that could protect him from wind and cold. The other
28 miners were envious. One fellow bought the hat right off his head for a \$5 gold
29 coin. A business was born.

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31 By 1906, Mr. Stetson was selling 2 million hats a year.

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33 Cowboys would sleep on their Stetson or bend it to provide better visibility.
34 They would fill the hat up with water - ever heard of the 10 gallon hat? -
35 because it was water proof on the inside. Cowboys still do this ... and even a
36 smattering of our legislators.

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38 The story of the Stetson is about one of Colorado's earliest entrepreneurs. Of
39 course, back then almost everyone coming West was an entrepreneur.

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41 That same spirit is with us today. Indeed, in some way everyone in this room is
42 an entrepreneur.

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44 You came here because you believe you can come up with solutions. You came
45 here - under a gold dome that is getting a makeover of its own - to be inventive
46 and create a better future.

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48 President of the Senate, Brandon Shaffer, Speaker of the House Frank McNulty,
49 Senate Minority Leader Bill Cadman and House Minority Leader Mark
50 Ferrandino - it's not easy to lead a room full of creative and imaginative people,
51 is it? But you do it well, thank you.

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53 Thank you all - every member of the General Assembly - for your service to
54 Colorado. Thank you for your partnership. Thank you for sitting together today.
55 And thank you for the kindness you have shown my family and me this past
56 year.

1 I'd also like to thank the ever cooler Lt. Gov. Joe Garcia and his wife, Claire;
2 Attorney General John Suthers; State Treasurer Walker Stapleton; Secretary of
3 State Scott Gessler; and the distinguished members of the Colorado Supreme
4 Court and Colorado Board of Education here today.

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6 Speaking of good partners, Denver Mayor Michael Hancock is here as well.

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8 Our thoughts are with Chairman Jim Newton Jr. from the Southern Ute tribe
9 who was in a minor car accident this morning. We are pleased to have
10 Councilwoman Pathimi representing him. We also have Chairman Gary Hayes
11 from the Ute Mountain Ute tribe here. Your ancestors were here long before the
12 Stetson, and we look forward our continued work together.

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14 I owe special thanks to my wife, Helen, for her steadfast support, and to our
15 own little entrepreneur, 9-year-old Teddy, who continues to inspire us both.

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17 A final word of appreciation to the talented people we have been fortunate to
18 lure into public service as Cabinet members and the Governor's Office staff.

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20 Thanks as well to Colorado's state employees. Because of this recession, you
21 have worked for four years without a raise ... yet you continue to try and find
22 opportunities to make our state more efficient.

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24 This legislative session is not expected to be easy.

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26 Cynics say it's an election year and partisan fights will drown out any hope for
27 success. We believe the cynics are wrong.

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29 The desire to solve problems that drives every entrepreneur is alive and well in
30 this room. We can work together.

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32 We proved it when you passed a budget last year with 80 votes.

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34 We proved it when we worked together to help secure the state's financial
35 health by creating a 4 percent reserve.

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37 We proved it when you passed a health exchange bill that is now a model for
38 other states.

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40 Coloradans have little patience for partisan gridlock.

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42 Unlike Washington D.C., we have shown the rest of the country that Colorado
43 is a place where things get done.

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45 The U.S. Congress could learn a thing or two from this General Assembly ...
46 and I know a few of you are eager to move to Washington to prove it.

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48 Working together, we have made significant progress stabilizing the state
49 budget. We didn't postpone hard decisions. We made difficult cuts. We put
50 Colorado on a sustainable path going forward. We face the current budget
51 challenge in a stronger position today than a year ago. We are moving in the
52 right direction, but we are still in rough water.

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54 If you account for inflation, the state's general fund revenue is \$1 billion less
55 than it was five years ago when the state had fewer people and was
56 economically stronger. ... \$1 billion ... and demand for government services has

1 surged.
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3 The number of children enrolled in public schools has increased significantly
4 and more people are enrolled in Medicaid.
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6 These facts are why we want to focus property tax relief on the seniors most in
7 need, until we can restore the full senior homestead exemption.
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9 We are proving that we can do more with less and live within our means like
10 all working families in Colorado ... even as the pressures on the state budget
11 continue.
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13 For example, in the Lobato case, a district court judge has ruled that the state
14 is deficient in meeting school funding requirements under the state Constitution.
15 We will appeal the decision to secure a final resolution of the constitutional
16 issues raised in the case, but the question of finding additional revenue for
17 education is one of our greatest budget pressures.
18 Colorado voters, nevertheless, rejected a proposed tax increase to fund schools.
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20 That is one reason job growth is so critical.
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22 If there were ever a time when Colorado needed to spur greater support for
23 entrepreneurship to create and attract new business, it is now. One indelible fact
24 is that small business and entrepreneurs thrive in proximity to large
25 corporations. They depend on each other.
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27 Large corporations, just like small business, want to be in places that are pro-
28 business.
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30 They want to be in states where partisanship gives way to partnership.
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32 For too long Colorado has been losing large corporate headquarters to other
33 states. That trend is changing.
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35 A couple of years ago DaVita, a Fortune 500 company, moved its corporate
36 headquarters to Colorado for all of the right reasons.
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38 Last year was unprecedented with two new Fortune 500 companies claiming
39 Colorado as their home base.
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41 Recently, Arrow Electronics announced it is relocating its global headquarters
42 to Colorado from New York.
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44 This is the largest corporate headquarters to move into Colorado in the state's
45 history. It will involve the creation of thousands of jobs. A number of
46 associated businesses will follow Arrow and a number of electronic businesses
47 already here, of which there are many, will gain an advantage by being close to
48 one of the largest electronics suppliers in the world.
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50 The CEO of Arrow, Mike Long, is here today with his wife, Karen. We are very
51 proud they are with us, so please join me in thanking Arrow for their
52 commitment to Colorado.
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54 As good as attracting a Fortune 500 company to Colorado is the organic growth
55 of a local company.
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1 In October, Level 3 Communications completed a merger with Global Crossing,
2 becoming a Fortune 500 company overnight. This time, the consolidation of
3 operations from around the country will bring jobs into Colorado instead of
4 taking them out of Colorado. John Ryan, general counsel from Level 3, and his
5 wife, Beth, are here as well.

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7 On the heels of the Level 3 merger and the good news about Arrow, GE
8 announced it would expand its investment in Primestar Solar by more than \$300
9 million and build a thin-film solar manufacturing facility in Aurora. This
10 facility, one of the largest of its kind in the world, will create 350 jobs and
11 produce enough panels each year to power 80,000 homes. Jeff Wyatt, the
12 general manager of Primestar Solar, and one of the original founders of the
13 company, Russell Black, are here with us today.

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15 We know that economic development comes in smaller packages, too.

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17 The inaugural USA Pro Cycling Challenge last summer was viewed by a
18 worldwide audience of more than 20 million people and generated more than
19 \$80 million in economic activity in Colorado.

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21 USA Pro Cycling Challenge CEO Shawn Hunter is here today - we can hardly
22 wait for the race to return in August.

23 We will follow it a month later with "Pedal the Plains" - a bike tour for the rest
24 of us.

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26 We think a bike tour across the Eastern Plains will not only be great for the
27 sport of cycling, it will also give folks an opportunity to see where our food
28 comes from.

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30 It is worth noting that Colorado agriculture is leading the state out of this
31 recession. Agriculture exports have grown more than 20 percent - I'll say that
32 again, 20 percent ... which really makes us Colorado Proud!

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34 Whether it's world-class biking, or world-class skiing, or world-class fly
35 fishing, our extraordinary outdoor opportunities are a critical component of our
36 economy.

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38 We are working with Mayor Hancock and an exploratory committee to consider
39 the feasibility of hosting the Olympic Winter Games in 2022. Any pursuit of the
40 Olympics, if that happens, should be done in an entrepreneurial way and with
41 an eye on making Colorado the healthiest state in the nation. Let's use sport as
42 a way to promote better health.

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44 Speaking of sport, please indulge me as I use 15 words of this speech (that
45 would be in honor of Tim Tebow, folks) - to talk a little football: Good luck to
46 the resilient Denver Broncos, beat those New England Patriots on Saturday
47 night.

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49 We know that the core business of government is not to create private sector
50 jobs - entrepreneurs do that.

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52 But we can help. What we do here and how we do it matters.

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54 A commitment to partnership and collaboration can overcome the dysfunction
55 of partisan gridlock.

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1 We need to make government work better. Part of that means making
2 government efficient, effective and of course elegant.

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4 Last year we began a rigorous review of state rules and asked for examples of
5 unnecessary regulation from Coloradans across the state.

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7 We are scrubbing every state agency to eliminate red tape. Our plan is outlined
8 in the report we issued this week called "Pits and Peeves."

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10 The Colorado Department of Transportation, for example, found rules that were
11 out of date decades ago. The Department of Human Services recommended the
12 repeal of 850 unnecessary rules.

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14 This streamlining will help nonprofit organizations, as well as businesses, hire
15 the next worker.

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17 In addition to eliminating red tape, we are continuing to consolidate state
18 services and programs where appropriate.

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20 Thanks to your support, the state will see efficiencies from the merger of the
21 Division of State Parks with the Division of Wildlife ... the Supportive Housing
22 and Homeless Program merged into the Department of Local Affairs ... and
23 we've assigned one manager to oversee the Divisions of Banking and Securities.

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25 We will continue to work with you to identify other opportunities for
26 consolidation.

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28 We understand that government is not a business. Still, we need to apply best
29 practices from successful companies where they make sense.

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31 That is why we initiated the LEAN program in almost every state agency, where
32 employee teams are now actively identifying waste and inefficiency to create
33 savings.

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35 Another way we can make state government more effective and realize cost
36 savings is to bring the state's antiquated personnel system into the 21st century.

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38 The state Constitution is riddled with personnel rules and administrative
39 procedures that are obsolete and should be reformed.

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41 We are working with state employees on a package of reforms, but we need
42 your help to go to the ballot this year with a proposal that will improve the way
43 we manage state personnel.

44 And while we are not immediately seeking legislative changes to the state's
45 retirement program, we are mindful of the obligation we have to Colorado's
46 taxpayers and state retirees, to ensure that PERA is both stable and sustainable.

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48 Another attraction to entrepreneurship is a climate of innovation.

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50 We established the Colorado Innovation Network (COIN) to foster
51 collaboration and idea-sharing across private sector, academic and public lines,
52 including the 29 research laboratories in Colorado. This will multiply
53 occurrences like Primestar Solar, where an innovation at the National
54 Renewable Energy Lab translated into more than 400 jobs in Colorado.

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56 COIN gives us a unique opportunity to incubate entrepreneurship and facilitate

1 the transfer of new ideas to the marketplace. Ajay Menon, our Chief Innovation
2 Officer and driving force behind COIN, is here today. Thank you for your work.
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4 While COIN is privately funded, we are asking for a modest public investment
5 to continue the success we had with Arrow and GE.
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7 We are requesting \$6 million to support the work of the Colorado Economic
8 Development Commission ... and \$3 million for a revolving loan fund to
9 provide low-risk gap financing so Colorado can compete with other states for
10 film, video gaming and electronic media productions.
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12 These investments will repay the state many, many times over.
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14 Making Colorado the best place for entrepreneurship also means we must have
15 good schools, a reliable transportation system and health care that is both
16 affordable and accessible.
17 Even in difficult times, we need to right by our kids.
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19 We seek your support in consolidating early childhood services under one roof
20 to more efficiently and effectively aid children and parents. Currently, there are
21 23 separate funding streams administered through five different state agencies,
22 each playing a role in early childhood support and services.
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24 Together, we are proposing a state-local strategy that integrates prevention and
25 intervention, quality early learning and family support and engagement. Our
26 plan will consolidate early childhood services in a new office in the Department
27 of Human Services.
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29 The lieutenant governor is leading an effort to promote early childhood literacy,
30 and in February his office will release a report detailing findings from his recent
31 state-wide literacy tour.
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33 Abundant research demonstrates that if a child fails to learn how to read by the
34 third grade, that child is more likely to drop out of high school and faces an
35 enormous uphill battle for the rest of his or her life.
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37 We must develop intervention strategies with parents and teachers to identify
38 failing students long before they reach the third grade and keep them from an
39 illiterate future.
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41 We are working on bipartisan legislation to make Colorado a national model for
42 early literacy and ask for your support to get this bill passed.
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44 Thanks to your work in passing SB 191 two years ago, Colorado is a nationally-
45 recognized model for teacher effectiveness.
46 The Colorado Board of Education unanimously approved rules implementing
47 SB 191, and we need your support to pass legislation approving these rules and
48 authorizing \$7.7 million to continue the implementation of these critical
49 reforms.
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51 Being a great teacher is hard work. ... We thank you.
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53 As many of you know, we have been thoughtfully exploring the potential
54 benefit to businesses, injured workers and the state of Colorado from the
55 separation of Pinnacol Assurance from the state. Done properly, and with the
56 support of policy holders, a restructuring of Pinnacol could provide Colorado

1 with a security interest that has the potential of funding economic development
2 and higher education scholarships.

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4 We asked a diverse task force of civic leaders and stakeholders with expertise
5 in workers compensation to review this proposal. We look forward to sharing
6 our recommendation with you before we move forward with a specific
7 legislative request.

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9 The link between higher education and economic development is very clear.
10 They go hand in glove. So if we agree on a new future for Pinnacol, we hope
11 you will also agree that funding for scholarships makes sense.

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13 Fostering education, unleashing entrepreneurship, building a strong business
14 climate and putting more Coloradans to work is at the core of our mission. But
15 completing this mission would be hollow indeed if the cost of doing so ruined
16 the very place we love.

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18 So we mean to encourage the development of state resources to create jobs, but
19 at the same time hold businesses accountable to the highest ethical and
20 environmental standards.

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22 Colorado's energy sector holds tremendous promise.
23 We continue to build on the state's reputation as a leader in promoting solar,
24 wind and renewable energies and developing cleaner fossil fuels.

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26 Colorado is blessed with abundant reserves of natural gas. With new
27 discoveries in the Niobrara formation and technologies for extracting shale oil,
28 we are poised to be a leader in unconventional energy technology as well.

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30 The country is noticing what is happening in Colorado.

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32 Earlier this year, we partnered with Oklahoma to draft a multi-state RFP to
33 create a broad-based market for compressed natural gas vehicles we can use to
34 replace existing state fleets. When we launched this effort we had no idea how
35 many other states would join us. We are now up to eight and counting.

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37 Because the vehicles are cheaper to operate, many local municipalities are
38 interested in joining us, too.

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40 Now with the attention of automobile manufacturers, we are well on our way
41 to putting cleaner-burning vehicles on Colorado roadways.

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43 This effort was made possible only because we have a Governor's Energy
44 Office (GEO) with the staff and expertise in this area.

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46 Colorado is a state with resources and a national reputation for developing clean
47 energy.

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49 We also start the year with the country's strongest and fairest rule disclosing the
50 ingredients in the "fracking" process.

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52 The old geologist in me is champing at the bit to go into detail about this
53 process, but I won't. Of course, the brewer in me would like to talk about it over
54 a beer.

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56 Suffice it to say that this is a drilling procedure that has opened the door to a

1 whole new era of energy development that can lead to more jobs, cleaner air
2 and energy security for our country and the world. The ideas and innovations
3 that created this revolution all occurred in Colorado.
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5 When the Environmental Defense Fund and Halliburton stood together in
6 Colorado in support of the state's new "fracking" disclosure rule, other states
7 took notice.
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9 It's another reason why we believe so passionately in the power of partnership
10 and collaboration.
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12 In that same spirit, we intend to work with counties and municipalities to make
13 sure we have appropriate regulation on oil and gas development, but recognize
14 the state can't have 64 or even more different sets of rules.
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16 Likewise, costly litigation and endless court battles have characterized the
17 state's water policy over many years - the Interbasin Water Roundtable Process
18 represents a better way forward. The process created a historic agreement
19 announced last year between Denver and the Western Slope.
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21 We are forging similar collaborative agreements to ensure all Coloradans will
22 have access to good health care.
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24 As a result of the bipartisan legislation passed last year, we are well on our way
25 to establishing a Colorado Health Benefits Exchange. We are doing it
26 Colorado's way and it will be ready at the end of 2013 to support small
27 businesses and provide health insurance for 300,000 Coloradans who presently
28 do not have it.
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30 While making progress on the Colorado Health Benefits Exchange represents
31 good news, the challenge is the economic downturn has meant a greater number
32 of Coloradans are enrolling in Medicaid - and the costs of Medicaid are not
33 sustainable for the state budget.
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35 We are absolutely committed to bending the Medicaid cost curve and pursuing
36 strategies that will cut Medicaid costs. We are tackling fraud, over-payments
37 and eligibility.
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39 We want to move away from the expensive fee-for-service system to one that
40 drives toward value and rewards healthier outcomes. We have already started
41 to make progress by focusing on preventive care, reducing obesity rates and
42 improving the technology that links people to services.
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44 These efforts will all result in important cost savings.
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46 We are very proud of the work we have been doing with local governments to
47 bring the Colorado Benefits Management System (CBMS) into the 21st century.
48 This has been no small task. We need your support to fund the rebuilding of the
49 system to ensure that eligible Coloradans can access benefits in a timely
50 manner.
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52 We are also proud of our work with communities along the I-70 corridor. We
53 are moving forward to implement the most critical congestion relief projects:
54 widening of the eastbound Twin Tunnel in Idaho Springs, and the continuation
55 of a new eastbound third lane to Floyd Hill.
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1 The Transportation Commission set aside \$60 million to build the project by the
2 end of 2013. It will be the first project to provide additional capacity since I-70
3 was built in the 1960s. Finally.
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5 As we strive to make Colorado healthier, we believe in equal rights for all
6 regardless of race, creed, gender or sexual orientation.
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8 We don't believe we should legislate what happens inside a church or place of
9 worship, but government should treat all people equally.
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11 It's time to pass civil unions.
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13 We owe a special debt of gratitude to those Americans who wear - or have worn
14 - the nation's uniform.
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16 We are joined today by Maj. Isaac Martinez, a member of the Colorado
17 National Guard who recently returned from Afghanistan, his second deployment
18 overseas.
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20 His company was part of 16 major initiatives and traversed more than 1.1
21 million miles of enemy terrain without any serious incidents.
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23 Maj. Martinez is a native of La Junta and has degrees from UNC and CSU. We
24 want Maj. Martinez and his wife, Michelle, to know that he is returning to a
25 state that honors our men and women in uniform, supports their families and
26 offers practical and useful assistance as they re-enter civilian life.
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28 We ask every community and every employer to embrace our returning service
29 members!
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31 We will pursue legislation this year that will make it easier for military spouses
32 to use their licenses and credentials and work in Colorado if they are already
33 licensed in another state.
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35 We also aim to reward veterans for their service by upgrading the state
36 personnel system, and expanding their ability to use preference points when
37 seeking employment.
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39 When veterans - and when all Coloradans - have work they are more likely to
40 have homes. We must continue efforts to end homelessness in Colorado.
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42 Michael George, who joins us today, is also a veteran who found himself out
43 of a job and homeless. He worked with Mile High United Way and moved off
44 the streets; he's now a peer manager for a transitional housing program ... and
45 I understand he is a heckuva softball player - not to mention today is his 50th
46 birthday.
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48 Ensuring that all Coloradans have a place to call home is not only the right
49 thing to do, it also impacts the health of our communities.
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51 Together, we must create an economic environment where choosing between
52 rent or groceries or medicine is unacceptable.
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54 Our vision for Colorado includes successfully branding the state as a place that
55 embraces entrepreneurship, supports a strong business climate, creates jobs,
56 educates its kids, supports working families and protects an unparalleled quality

1 of life.
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3 The truth is our prosperity as a people depends on a great deal more than
4 economic metrics.
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6 Colorado kids must be educated, not just so they can find a job, but because the
7 gift of education will last a lifetime.
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9 We must preserve Colorado's great landscapes, protect the state's water and
10 keep the air clean. Not just because this will attract businesses, but also because
11 it is part of our moral obligation to future generations.
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13 We obviously want entrepreneurship to flourish here because it creates
14 opportunity.
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16 We envision a Colorado where everyone has the opportunity to pursue their
17 passions, secure personal prosperity and contribute to their community.
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19 Ladies and Gentleman of the General Assembly, we have important work to do
20 together in this building ... and we must also do an even better job of listening
21 to and engaging the people of Colorado.
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23 As Abraham Lincoln said, "With public sentiment, nothing can fail; without it
24 nothing can succeed."
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26 In the coming weeks you will hear details about a privately funded and non-
27 partisan process of civic engagement called "TBD Colorado."
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29 Really, we tried to come up with a catchy name but TBD truly captures the
30 intended outcome - it's to be determined.
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32 Like the Colorado Blueprint, TBD Colorado will focus on listening and not
33 imposing top-down, government-driven solutions. Coloradans will be invited
34 to share their vision and priorities for our state. In the sense that entrepreneurs
35 try to find solutions to the needs and challenges of society, TBD Colorado will
36 seek to tap that same spirit that exists, in part, in all of us in Colorado.
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38 We look forward to working with you because everyone here - in fact, everyone
39 in Colorado - is in some way an entrepreneur.
40 The soldier from Montrose who leaves active duty and learns new skills to re-
41 enter the workforce is an entrepreneur.
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43 The single mother from Fort Collins who creates a babysitting co-op to help
44 with childcare is an entrepreneur.
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46 The farmer in Holyoke who works 18-hour days and still finds time to teach
47 FFA and 4-H kids is an entrepreneur.
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49 The steel worker in Pueblo who coaches youth soccer and figures out ways to
50 fund trips to weekend tournaments is an entrepreneur.
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52 We all have the capacity for creativity and personal reinvention. We all have the
53 capacity to contribute to our communities ... and to make Colorado the best
54 state in the nation.
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56 Simply, we all have the capacity to make a good hat.

1 A few month ago, I was invited by Western Union to speak to 120 company
2 executives from all over the world. After the event, a small group gathered and
3 a young man from Indonesia spoke up.

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5 He said the world is waiting for America to lead again. The world looks to us.
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7 These past couple of years there have been few places in America where people
8 have been able to resolve their conflicts with successful compromise. Imagine
9 if Colorado, could somehow, through hard work and entrepreneurial will, be
10 such a place.

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12 Other states might copy us, and then still more states might copy them.
13 Eventually, perhaps, even our Congress in Washington might be compelled to
14 rediscover the glory of working together.

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16 I believe that Colorado, by striving to be the healthiest state, the most
17 entrepreneurial state, the greatest state, might better help this country, and,
18 perhaps in some admittedly small way, help move the world forward.

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20 As the young Indonesian man said, the world awaits.

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22 God bless you, and God bless Colorado.

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25 The Joint Committee escorted the Governor from the Chambers.

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28 On motion of Representative Stephens, the Governor's message was
29 ordered printed in the House Journal.

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32 On motion of Senator Morse, the Joint Session was dissolved.

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35 House reconvened.

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39 On motion of Representative Nikkel, the House adjourned until
40 9:00 a.m., January 13, 2012.

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43 Approved:
44 FRANK McNULTY,
Speaker

45 Attest:
46 MARILYN EDDINS,
47 Chief Clerk