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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-005**

101 **CONCERNING THE DENVER BRONCOS, AND, IN CONNECTION**  
102 **THEREWITH, DESIGNATING SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2016, DENVER**  
103 **BRONCOS APPRECIATION DAY.**

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1 WHEREAS, The Denver Broncos have completed another  
2 winning season with a 12-4 record, winning their fifth consecutive  
3 American Football Conference (AFC) Western Division Championship,  
4 becoming the number one seed in the AFC, and sending the Pittsburgh  
5 Steelers home for six months of needed rest and healing; and

6 WHEREAS, The Denver Broncos, on January 24, will face the  
7 New England Patriots to compete for AND CLAIM the AFC  
8 Championship and thereby head to Super Bowl 50 on Sunday, February  
9 7; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1           WHEREAS, The Denver Broncos are not only Denver's team but  
2 Colorado's team and are beloved by football fans across the Rocky  
3 Mountain Region and additional millions of sports fans of all ages across  
4 the nation; and

5           WHEREAS, In the spirit of generosity and good sportsmanship for  
6 which Colorado is justly famous, Denver Broncos fans continue to  
7 welcome and tolerate fans of other less talented football teams into our  
8 community, people who challenge our traditions of civility by wearing  
9 outrageous costumes with funny names on them like "Cowboys",  
10 "Chargers", "Raiders", and "Seahawks"; and

11           WHEREAS, Colorado sports fans are blessed to have the National  
12 Football League's best defense and Peyton Manning as the Denver  
13 Broncos quarterback, a man who is a certain first ballot Hall of Fame  
14 athlete, universally admired not only as one of the greatest football  
15 players of all time, but as a leader and exemplar of the highest standards  
16 of integrity, commitment, perseverance, and sportsmanship; and

17           WHEREAS, Pat Bowlen, owner of the Denver Broncos, and his  
18 management team, coaches, players, and staff have contributed greatly to  
19 the well-being of the broader community; now, therefore,

20           *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventieth General Assembly*  
21 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

22           That Sunday, January 24, 2016, be officially declared Denver  
23 Broncos Appreciation Day and that all Coloradans be encouraged to show  
24 their appreciation for the team through public displays of all manner of  
25 Broncos flags, banners, and sportswear.

26           *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
27 to Owner Pat Bowlen, President, Chairman, and CEO Joe Ellis, Executive  
28 Vice President and General Manager John Elway, Vice President of  
29 Public Relations Patrick Smyth, Vice President of Community  
30 Development Cindy Kellogg, and Head Coach Gary Kubiak.