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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 05-1033

101 CONCERNING RECOGNIZING COLORADO YMCA ADVOCACY DAY.

1 WHEREAS, Following closely on the heels of its founding in
2 London in 1844 by George Williams, the YMCA movement in the United
3 States originated in Boston on December 29, 1851; and

4 WHEREAS, One out of three Americans reports being a YMCA
5 member at some point in life; and

6 WHEREAS, 2,400 YMCAs serve people of all ages, races,
7 religions, and incomes; and

8 WHEREAS, 19 million Americans, including 9.5 million children,
9 currently claim membership in the YMCA, making it the largest nonprofit
10 organization in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, A number of sports played today were invented by
12 YMCA instructors and at YMCAs across the United States, including
13 volleyball, racquetball, and basketball; and

14 WHEREAS, The YMCA pioneered camping, public libraries,

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1 night schools, and the teaching of English as a second language; and

2 WHEREAS, YMCAs have provided an environment for the
3 development of ideas and organizations that might never have started
4 without them, including the Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire USA, the
5 Negro National Baseball League, Gideons International, Toastmasters,
6 the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History, and the
7 holiday of Father's Day; and

8 WHEREAS, The YMCA has pioneered programs in health and
9 fitness by opening the nation's first training center (later Springfield
10 College) for physical education, being the largest provider in the United
11 States of youth sports programs, and partnering with the Center for
12 Disease Control in efforts to curb adult and childhood obesity; and

13 WHEREAS, The YMCA is forever mission-driven, molding
14 people who care about each other, who are firm in their sense of their
15 own worth and that of others, who foster understanding and respect, who
16 take responsibility for their own lives, and who help improve the lives of
17 others; and

18 WHEREAS, YMCAs provide a wide range of programs that
19 support and strengthen families by bringing them together for fellowship,
20 fun, and recreation; and

21 WHEREAS, The YMCA's policy is that no one is turned away
22 because of inability to pay; and

23 WHEREAS, YMCA programs support character development by
24 teaching honesty, caring, respect, and responsibility; and

25 WHEREAS, YMCAs strengthen communities by developing
26 programs specifically designed to meet local needs, including programs
27 for seniors, teen leadership, single parents, substance abuse prevention,
28 physical rehabilitation, job training, literacy, and mentoring; and

29 WHEREAS, YMCAs have a long history of offering
30 morale-building and welfare services to the nation's armed forces:
31 Providing 5,000 volunteers who worked in battlefields, field hospitals,
32 army camps, and prisoner-of-war compounds during the Civil War;
33 raising \$235 million during World War I for war relief; founding the
34 United Service Organizations during World War II; serving military
35 personnel and their families during the Korean War, Vietnam War, and
36 Desert Storm; and continuing to serve members of the United States
37 military throughout the world today; and

38 WHEREAS, YMCA leader John R. Mott was awarded the Nobel
39 Peace Prize in 1946; and

40 WHEREAS, The YMCA has nurtured leadership skills in such
41 Americans as President Ronald Reagan, Senator John Glenn, and Dr.
42 Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

43 WHEREAS, The YMCA movement is alive and well in Colorado

1 with Colorado YMCAs serving more than 523,000 people in diverse
2 communities statewide; and

3 WHEREAS, Colorado YMCAs bring together the young and the
4 old, men and women, and people of all faiths, backgrounds, and incomes;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Colorado YMCAs have lessened the burden of
7 government by raising more than \$3.2 million for scholarships, subsidies,
8 and other community services in 2004; and

9 WHEREAS, Colorado YMCAs serve 166,500 youth during
10 nonschool hours; and

11 WHEREAS, Colorado YMCAs are the largest providers of child
12 care services in the nation and in the state, serving more than 7,900
13 Colorado children per day; and

14 WHEREAS, Colorado YMCAs work with local and county
15 governments, including police and fire departments, public housing
16 developments, children services, schools, churches, and other community
17 and civic organizations; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2004, over 12,000 public school children received
19 environmental education at the YMCA of the Rockies' two centers; and

20 WHEREAS, Colorado YMCAs are volunteer-funded,
21 volunteer-based, and volunteer-led with nearly 12,200 Colorado YMCA
22 volunteers giving their time to help meet the diverse needs of Colorado
23 communities; now, therefore,

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

27 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,
28 commend the YMCAs of Colorado for their work in strengthening
29 Colorado by building strong children, strong families, and strong
30 communities, and we welcome YMCA volunteers and staff as they gather
31 at the State Capitol on March 21, 2005, for Colorado YMCA Advocacy
32 Day.

33 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be
34 sent to the Executive Offices of the YMCA of Boulder Valley, the
35 Arapahoe Center YMCA of Lafayette, the Community Branch YMCA of
36 Boulder, the Mapleton Center YMCA of Boulder, YMCA of
37 Metropolitan Denver, the Adams County Branch YMCA, the Child
38 Care/Day Camp Branch of the Denver YMCA, the Denver Downtown
39 Branch YMCA, the East Denver Branch YMCA, the Glendale Branch
40 YMCA, the JeffCo Branch YMCA, the Littleton Branch YMCA, the
41 Susan M. Duncan Branch Family YMCA in Arvada, the Gerald L.
42 Schlessman Branch YMCA, the Southwest-Chatfield Branch YMCA, the
43 Denver Sports Branch YMCA, the Fisher's Peak YMCA in Trinidad, the
44 Ed and Ruth Lehman YMCA in Longmont, the YMCA of the Pikes Peak

1 Region, the Briargate Family Center YMCA, YMCA Camp Shady Brook,
2 the Downtown Colorado Springs YMCA, the Fountain Valley YMCA,
3 the Garden Ranch Center YMCA, the Southeast Family Center YMCA,
4 the Tri-Lakes Family YMCA in Monument, the YMCA of Pueblo, the
5 YMCA of the Rockies Estes Park Center YMCA, and Snow Mountain
6 Ranch YMCA in Winter Park.