



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 05-1040

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CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF HOME EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF 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 right of parents to direct the education and upbringing of their children; and

WHEREAS, Home education demonstrates the vital importance of parental involvement in the education of children; and

WHEREAS, Home education is an inextricable part of our national heritage, playing an important role in the formative years of such Americans 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 a growing number of parents in Colorado have chosen to teach their children at home; and

WHEREAS, Recent scientific studies have found that home- education students, on average, score between the 75th and 90th percentile on nationally standardized tests administered in grades 1 through 12; and

WHEREAS, Home-educated students captured four of the top six positions in the 2005 Colorado State Spelling Bee, including first place; and

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

WHEREAS, Home-educating parents ought to be commended for the extraordinary sacrifice and 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 this great state; and

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

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

That we, the members of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly of the state of Colorado, honor, thank, and celebrate home educators and the home-educated youth of this state, and recognize April 8, 2005, as Home Education Day in Colorado.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Christian Home Educators of Colorado and Concerned Parents of Colorado.

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