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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 09-022

101 CONCERNING THE PROCLAMATION OF MARCH 9-13, 2009 AS SMALL
102 BUSINESS WEEK.

1 WHEREAS, Every year our nation sets aside a week to honor 25
2 million Americans whose entrepreneurial drive personifies the American
3 dream, to talk about the challenges small businesses face, and to plan for
4 how those challenges can be overcome; and

5 WHEREAS, Colorado has over 425,000 small businesses,
6 including over 135,000 woman-owned and 46,000 minority-owned
7 businesses, that provide the economic foundation for its families and
8 communities; and

9 WHEREAS, Small businesses are a vital part of the nation's
10 economy, as they represent the majority of employers and employ over
11 half of all private sector employees; and

12 WHEREAS, Small and medium enterprises represent a great
13 majority of all exporters and create three out of every four jobs in the
14 United States; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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SENATE
Final Reading
March 11, 2009

1 WHEREAS, It is important to appreciate the significant role that
2 our small entrepreneurs are playing in the effort to strengthen the U.S.
3 economy, as their hard work and efforts are vital to the creation of new
4 jobs for Americans; and

5 WHEREAS, Rising health care costs disproportionately affect
6 small businesses and their employees, which hinder their purchasing and
7 bargaining power; and

8 WHEREAS, The estate tax places a significant burden on small
9 businesses and can serve as a powerful disincentive to invest and hire
10 new employees; and

11 WHEREAS, Small businesses tend to have less ready access to
12 credit than their larger counterparts, and the current financial crisis makes
13 it difficult for small businesses to get access to loans; and

14 WHEREAS, It is time to acknowledge these challenges, to
15 celebrate the success of small businesses, and to thank America's small
16 business owners for their contributions to our communities, our economy,
17 and our nation; now, therefore,

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

20 (1) That we, the members of the General Assembly of the State of
21 Colorado:

22 (a) Recognize the small businesses of Colorado by observing
23 March 9 through 13, 2009, as Small Business Week; and

24 (b) Commit to learning more about Colorado's entrepreneurs and
25 how legislation can help small businesses continue to be successful in this
26 state; and

27 (c) Acknowledge and examine the multitude of challenges small
28 businesses currently face; and

29 (d) Call for economic relief in the form of tax breaks for small
30 businesses.

31 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
32 to the Honorable Governor Bill Ritter, Jr.; the members of Colorado's
33 Congressional delegation; Jim Henderson, Regional Advocate of the U.S.
34 Small Business Administration's Region 8; and Dan Danner, President
35 and CEO of the National Federation of Independent Business.