



## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 04-1064**

**BY REPRESENTATIVES** Wiens, Spradley, Butcher, Carroll, Coleman, Frangas, Harvey, Madden, Marshall, McFadyen, McGihon, Miller, Paccione, Pommer, Romanoff, Salazar, Spence, and Vigil;

**also SENATORS** Chlouber, Anderson, Andrews, Arnold, Cairns, Dyer, Entz, Evans, Fitz-Gerald, Gordon, Groff, Grossman, Hagedorn, Hanna, Hillman, Isgar, Johnson S., Jones, Keller, Kester, Lamborn, May R., McElhany, Nichol, Owen, Phillips, Reeves, Sandoval, Takis, Tapia, Taylor, Teck, Tupa, Veiga, and Windels.

**CONCERNING THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO ENSURE THAT PROGRAMS PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF CHILDREN OF MIGRANT WORKERS INCLUDE ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN OF ALL TYPES OF MIGRANT WORKERS.**

WHEREAS, Migrant labor in many industries in the United States constitutes a crucially important part of the workforce; and

WHEREAS, Historically, migrant labor has primarily had its largest role in the agricultural economy; and

WHEREAS, For at least 35 years, the federal government and many states, including Colorado, have had programs providing financial assistance to public schools for various issues associated with the educational needs of the children of agricultural migrant works; and

WHEREAS, Changes in the United States economy in recent years have added new and different types of jobs to those traditionally performed by migrant workers in the agricultural sector of the economy; and

WHEREAS, Many of these new fields have developed in the service industries associated with growing economic activities such as tourism, gaming, and the needs of high technology; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the migrant workers that are so important to agriculture, migrant workers in these other emerging areas of our economy will be a vital part of the growth and expansion of these industries; and

WHEREAS, The educational needs of the children of all migrant workers should continue to be a major concern of the federal and state governments; and

WHEREAS, Children of all types of migrant workers can suffer from performance problems in our public schools due to many factors, including the effects of attending multiple schools necessitated by the cyclical relocation needs of their parents; and

WHEREAS, These performance problems can be detrimental to the educational environment of our public schools if not addressed; and

WHEREAS, The educational needs of children of migrant workers affects many communities in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, The children of migrant workers should be eligible for migrant student educational assistance regardless of the industry in which the migrant parents work; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly, encourage the President of the United States and the United States Congress to take action to ensure that federal programs providing financial assistance for the educational needs of children of migrant workers include children of migrant workers in all sectors of our economy.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be transmitted to the President and Vice President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Minority Leader of the United States Senate, and to each member of Colorado's Congressional delegation.

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