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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 05-027

101 **CONCERNING NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK.**

1 WHEREAS, Our nation's libraries are modern community centers
2 for education, information, and entertainment and play a vital role in
3 providing millions of people with the resources they need to live, learn,
4 and work in the 21st century; and

5 WHEREAS, Libraries are dynamic and ever-evolving places, and
6 librarians are incomparable search engines, helping people of all ages find
7 the information they need in print and online. In a world that's
8 information-rich, librarians are information-smart and help ensure a
9 society in which everyone is information-literate; and

10 WHEREAS, Libraries are places of opportunity and a part of the
11 American dream. They are places for education, self-help, and lifelong
12 learning, and, because they offer free access to all, they bring opportunity
13 to all; and

14 WHEREAS, Libraries are unique and enable their patrons, both in
15 person and online, to access nearly anything on the internet or in print;
16 they provide personal service and assistance in finding whatever
17 information a person may seek; and

18 WHEREAS, Librarians must be included in public policy
19 discussions on key issues such as intellectual freedom, equity of access,
20 and narrowing the digital divide; and

21 WHEREAS, Awareness and support must be increased for

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1 libraries by raising the visibility of libraries in a positive context and by
2 communicating clearly and strongly why libraries are both unique and
3 valuable; and

4 WHEREAS, More individuals must be recruited to the profession
5 of librarianship to maintain its vitality in today's changing workplace;
6 now, therefore,

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

9 That we, the members of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly,
10 proclaim April 11-15, 2005, National Library Week in Colorado, and
11 encourage all Coloradans to take advantage of the wonderful library
12 resources available in this state and to thank their librarians for making
13 information available to all who walk through the library's doors.