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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 05-1020

101 **CONCERNING THE 100TH YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE KIT CARSON**
102 **COUNTY CAROUSEL.**

1 WHEREAS, The Kit Carson County Carousel is the only antique
2 carousel in America that still has the original paint on the scenery and on
3 the animals; and

4 WHEREAS, This ornate attraction features 46 hand-carved and
5 painted animals, a 255-pipe Wurlitzer Monster Military Band Organ, and
6 oil paint; and

7 WHEREAS, The Carousel's deer have real antlers and some of the
8 horses have real horse tails; and

9 WHEREAS, The Carousel was originally built by the Philadelphia
10 Toboggan Company in 1905 for Elitch Gardens; and

11 WHEREAS, The Carousel was sold to Kit Carson County in 1928
12 and, except for a few years during the depression, has served the people
13 of the county and its visitors since that time; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

SENATE
Final Reading
April 18, 2005

HOUSE
Final Reading
April 1, 2005

1 WHEREAS, In the 1970s, local citizens launched a drive to restore
2 the Carousel, and over the next 25 years they restored the long-silent
3 organ, repaired the damaged scenery panels, touched up the tarnished
4 wooden animals, rehabilitated the dodecagonal (12-sided) wood framed
5 building, and installed modern drainage and security systems; and

6 WHEREAS, The Kit Carson County Carousel is one of the oldest
7 merry-go-rounds in the nation, and is the only carousel having a working
8 Monster Military Band Organ; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1979 the carousel was designated a National
10 Historic Site, and in 1987 it was awarded the status of National
11 Landmark; and

12 WHEREAS, The Kit Carson Carousel Association's efforts to
13 restore this historic National Landmark over the past quarter century have
14 received substantial support from the Kit Carson County citizens, Kit
15 Carson County, the city of Burlington, the National Park Service, the
16 Boettcher Foundation, the Gates Foundation, the National Carousel
17 Association, the Colorado Historical Society, the Colorado Department
18 of Local Affairs, and the Cooper Clark Foundation, among others; and

19 WHEREAS, On August 20, 2005, Kit Carson County will be
20 celebrating Kit Carson County Carousel Day; now, therefore,

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

24 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,
25 recognize August 20, 2005, as the 100th anniversary of the Kit Carson
26 Carousel and recognize this day as Kit Carson County Carousel Day.