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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 01-1031

101 **CONCERNING COLORADO'S SUPPORT OF GEORGE W. BUSH'S PLAN TO**
102 **CREATE CHARTER STATES TO ACCESS FEDERAL FUNDS.**

1 WHEREAS, President George W. Bush has proposed bipartisan
2 education reform to transform the federal government's role in assisting
3 states in improving student academic achievement; and

4 WHEREAS, The President's plan consolidates, streamlines, and
5 reduces federal requirements while placing student achievement first,
6 rewarding states that raise student achievement; and

7 WHEREAS, The President's plan makes federal education funding
8 more flexible by creating a charter option to allow states to enter into a
9 charter agreement with the Secretary of Education that offers freedom
10 from current requirements on categorical grant programs in return for a
11 state's submission of a five-year performance agreement to the Secretary
12 of Education establishing specific goals for and methods of measuring
13 increased student performance; 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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1 WHEREAS, The President’s plan would require states to be subject
2 to accountability for improving student achievement; and

3 WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the students and parents of
4 Colorado for the State of Colorado to support this plan because it has the
5 potential to free the State of Colorado from unnecessary requirements
6 while allowing the State of Colorado much needed flexibility in selecting
7 the means for achieving academic improvement; and

8 WHEREAS, The President’s plan to create charter states will
9 become a source of federal legislation; now, therefore,

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

12 That the General Assembly of the State of Colorado supports the
13 charter state option in the President’s plan and requests and encourages the
14 United States Congress to adopt such legislation.

15 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be
16 delivered to all of the members of the Colorado Congressional delegation.