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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 01-1026

101 **CONCERNING WESTERN STATE COLLEGE WEEK.**

1 WHEREAS, On April 16, 1901, Governor James B. Orman signed
2 the bill creating the Colorado State Normal School in Gunnison, now
3 Western State College, and the General Assembly appropriated the sum
4 of \$2,500 to secure and prepare a campus; and

5 WHEREAS, During the following year the appropriation was spent
6 to purchase and clear the land, build two miles of roads, plant hundreds
7 of trees, and erect a barb-wired fence around the site and the Board of
8 Trustees reported to officials that all but 12 cents of the \$2,500
9 appropriation had been spent; and

10 WHEREAS, Colorado State Normal School was the first college
11 on Colorado's western slope and classes began in September of 1911 with
12 13 students and 10 faculty members; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1923, the college's name was changed to Western
14 State College as its role expanded from a teaching institution to a liberal
15 arts college; 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.

1 WHEREAS, Western State College has developed strong academic
2 programs in many areas and has attracted an outstanding faculty of
3 individuals who have degrees from prestigious colleges and universities
4 from around the world; and

5 WHEREAS, The college takes advantage of its location in a high
6 mountain basin of the Gunnison River in many programs such as geology,
7 anthropology, and biology to expose students to one of the greatest natural
8 laboratories in the world; and

9 WHEREAS, The biology program received a "Program of
10 Excellence" award from the Colorado Commission on Higher Education;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Jessica Young, a biology professor at Western
13 State College, has been instrumental in securing the recent designation of
14 the Gunnison Sage Grouse as a unique species; and

15 WHEREAS, For the past several years Western State College has
16 placed in the top ten nationwide in the Sears Cup which ranks NCAA
17 Division II athletic programs for overall accomplishments; and

18 WHEREAS, Western State College has served Gunnison county,
19 the state of Colorado, and the nation in an exemplary fashion over the
20 years, earning a reputation as a college whose faculty members care
21 deeply about teaching and working closely with students; now, therefore,

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

24 That the General Assembly hereby declares the week of April 16,
25 2001, as Western State College Week in Colorado in honor of the
26 college's 100th anniversary.

27 *Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this resolution be sent to the
28 President of Western State College.