



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 01-029

BY SENATOR(S) Tupa, Anderson, Andrews, Arnold, Cairns, Chlouber, Dyer (Arapahoe), Dyer (Durango), Entz, Epps, Evans, Fitz-Gerald, Gordon, Hagedorn, Hanna, Hernandez, Hillman, Lamborn, Linkhart, Matsunaka, May, McElhany, Musgrave, Nichol, Owen, Pascoe, Perlmutter, Phillips, Reeves, Takis, Tate, Taylor, Teck, Thiebaut, and Windels;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Madden, Alexander, Bacon, Berry, Borodkin, Boyd, Cadman, Chavez, Clapp, Cloer, Coleman, Crane, Daniel, Dean, Decker, Fairbank, Fritz, Garcia, Groff, Grossman, Hefley, Hodge, Hoppe, Jahn, Jameson, Johnson, Kester, King, Larson, Lawrence, Lee, Mace, Marshall, Miller, Mitchell, Nuñez, Paschall, Plant, Ragsdale, Rhodes, Rippy, Romanoff, Saliman, Sanchez, Schultheis, Scott, Sinclair, Smith, Snook, Spence, Spradley, Stafford, Stengel, Swenson, Tapia, Tochtrop, Veiga, Vigil, Webster, Weddig, White, Williams, S., Williams, T., Witwer, and Young.

CONCERNING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNIVERSITY
OF COLORADO.

WHEREAS, In 1861, a bill passed by Colorado's Territorial Legislature established the University of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, In 1874, the Colorado Territorial Legislature appropriated \$15,000 for the University of Colorado to be located in Boulder, which appropriation required the citizens of the State of Colorado to raise matching funds; and

WHEREAS, One hundred and four individuals and families did raise the funds necessary to match the State's appropriation, becoming the University's first state partners; and

WHEREAS, The University of Colorado was formally founded 125 years ago in 1876, the same year Colorado became a state of the Union; and

WHEREAS, In April 1876, construction of "Old Main", the first University building, was completed on 52 acres of land donated by Colorado citizens; and

WHEREAS, In September 1877, the University of Colorado opened its doors with 44 students, one instructor, and University President Joseph Sewall; and

WHEREAS, After World War II, the University of Colorado transformed itself into a thriving research institution, with its rise in academic and research prominence recognized in 1966, when the University was invited to join the prestigious Association of American Universities; and

WHEREAS, From those proud beginnings, the University of Colorado has become one of the nation's premier institutions, renowned for its teaching and research excellence and consistently ranked among the top public universities in America; and

WHEREAS, The University of Colorado has developed into the largest institution of higher education in Colorado with more than 45,000 students at 4 campuses located in Boulder, Colorado Springs, Auraria in downtown Denver, and the Health Sciences Center in Denver, including the emerging Fitzsimons campus in Aurora, as well as outreach activities throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, More than 300,000 students have earned degrees from the University of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, The University of Colorado awards one out of every 3 bachelor's degrees in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Nineteen of the University of Colorado's graduates have been named Rhodes Scholars and another 15 graduates are astronauts who have flown missions in space; and

WHEREAS, Four of the University of Colorado's faculty won the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship, also known as the "genius grants", and the University's faculty also includes one Nobel Laureate, 3 Presidential Fellows, 18 National Science Foundation Presidential Young Investigators, 20 Guggenheim Fellows, 27 Sloan Fellows, and 41 Fulbright Award recipients; and

WHEREAS, The University of Colorado Hospital is now consistently ranked among the top medical centers in the country; and

WHEREAS, The University of Colorado was the first to perform a liver transplant, created the first classification and numbering system of human chromosomes, was the first to discover how a human cancer gene functions, and created the first nurse practitioner program in the nation; and

WHEREAS, The University of Colorado attracts more than \$430 million in federal research grants each year and the University is ranked 12th among the top 100 public research universities in overall research expenditures; and

WHEREAS, The University of Colorado's sports teams have won national championships in football, cross country, and skiing and 5 of the University's student athletes have won the prestigious Rhodes Scholarship, the most in the Big 12 Conference; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly's 125 years of support of the University of Colorado is an investment that has led to the aforementioned achievements and benefited our state and nation; and

WHEREAS, The University of Colorado is committed to retaining the educational traditions that have established the University's outstanding legacy of teaching and research excellence, and is further dedicated to embracing innovations in technology, teaching, and research to enhance the University's ability to meet the needs of the entire State of Colorado; now, therefore,

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

That the General Assembly hereby recognizes and applauds the achievements of the University of Colorado and the vast contributions it has made and continues to make to the people of the great State of Colorado.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this Joint Resolution be sent to the President of the University of Colorado System and to the Chancellor of the University of Colorado at Boulder.

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THE SENATE

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