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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 01-1048

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF THE ANASAZI AREA OF CRITICAL**
102 **ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN AS THE CANYONS OF THE ANCIENTS**
103 **NATIONAL MONUMENT.**

1 WHEREAS, President William Jefferson Clinton did create the
2 Canyons of the Ancients National Monument by proclamation on June 9,
3 2000; and

4 WHEREAS, The creation of the monument was opposed by many
5 of the local citizens, including the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, the Southern
6 Ute Nation, the Aneth Chapter of the Navajo Nation, the Southwestern
7 Colorado Livestock Association, the Southwestern Colorado Landowners
8 Association, Inc., the San Juan Basin Farm Bureau, the Dolores Water
9 Conservancy District, Governors from 10 western states, Colorado
10 Governor Bill Owens, and the Coalition of Arizona/New Mexico For
11 Stable Economic Growth; and

12 WHEREAS, On June 29, 2000, Governors from 10 western states,
13 including Colorado Governor Bill Owens, signed a letter of protest
14 against new monuments; and

15 WHEREAS, A citizen's petition to revoke and annul the June 9,
16 2000, proclamation that created the Canyons of the Ancients National
17 Monument was signed by 4,000 citizens and contains numerous legal
18 objections to the monument designation; and

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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1 WHEREAS, The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, the Aneth Chapter of
2 the Navajo Nation, the Southwestern Colorado Livestock Association, the
3 Southwestern Colorado Landowners Association, Inc., the San Juan Basin
4 Farm Bureau, the Dolores Water Conservancy District, and the Coalition
5 of Arizona/New Mexico For Stable Economic Growth have either issued
6 resolutions opposing creation of, or expressed concerns about, the new
7 monument; and

8 WHEREAS, It is inappropriate to impair the hunting and use rights
9 that the Ute and Navaho tribes have enjoyed on this land, which
10 traditionally has been such tribes' land for hunting and other beneficial
11 uses; and

12 WHEREAS, The monument was created after thorough
13 investigation and rejection of the proposal by the Bureau of Land
14 Management Southwestern Colorado Resource Advisory Council; and

15 WHEREAS, The Bureau of Land Management's documentation
16 states, "After careful evaluation of the resources recognized in the ACEC
17 (Area of Critical Environmental Concern) nominations, it was determined
18 that their protection will be substantially equivalent under either
19 Monument authority or ACEC designation,..."; and

20 WHEREAS, Gross sales of oil, gas, carbon dioxide, and
21 agricultural products within or adjacent to the monument exceed \$130
22 million per year; and

23 WHEREAS, The land produces alfalfa, fruit, wheat, beans, corn,
24 livestock, and other agricultural products; and

25 WHEREAS, Local citizens have invested millions of dollars for
26 the building and maintenance of infrastructure on federal land and private
27 property in the area; and

28 WHEREAS, Local carbon dioxide extraction produces 830 cubic
29 feet of 98% pure carbon dioxide per day that is responsible for 5% of the
30 lower 48 states' oil production and grosses over \$72,362,000 annually;
31 and

32 WHEREAS, The sale of oil and natural gas from the area grosses
33 \$8,600,000 annually; and

34 WHEREAS, The monument contains miles of electric
35 transmission power lines and miles of oil, natural gas, and carbon dioxide
36 pipelines, which are necessary to the provision of energy both on the
37 local and national markets; and

38 WHEREAS, The President of the United States of America has the
39 authority to rescind the June 9, 2000, proclamation that created the
40 Canyons of the Ancients National Monument; and

41 WHEREAS, The United States Congress has the authority, acting
42 by bill, to revoke the June 9, 2000, proclamation that created the Canyons
43 of the Ancients National Monument; now, therefore,

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

4 (1) That the General Assembly opposes the designation of the
5 Anasazi Area of Critical Environmental Concern as the Canyons of the
6 Ancients National Monument;

7 (2) That the General Assembly requests, encourages, and urges
8 the President of the United States to rescind the June 9, 2000,
9 proclamation that created the Canyons of the Ancients National
10 Monument; and

11 (3) That the General Assembly requests, encourages, and urges
12 the Congress to act by bill to revoke the June 9, 2000, proclamation that
13 created the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument.

14 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be
15 transmitted to the President of the United States of America, the President
16 of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of
17 Representatives, and each member of Colorado's delegation of the United
18 States Congress.