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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 05-1040**

101     **CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF HOME EDUCATION IN THE STATE OF**  
102     **COLORADO.**

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1           WHEREAS, The state of Colorado is committed to excellence in  
2     education; and

3           WHEREAS, The state recognizes the importance of parental  
4     choices in pursuit of educational excellence and the significance of family  
5     involvement in education; and

6           WHEREAS, The state of Colorado recognizes the right of parents  
7     to direct the education and upbringing of their children; and

8           WHEREAS, Home education demonstrates the vital importance  
9     of parental involvement in the education of children; and

10          WHEREAS, Home education is an inextricable part of our  
11     national heritage, playing an important role in the formative years of such  
12     Americans as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy  
13     Adams, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
14     Abigail Adams, Patrick Henry, John Jay, Booker T. Washington, Andrew

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 Carnegie, Thomas Edison, Mark Twain, and Ansel Adams; and

2 WHEREAS, Home education is the fastest growing educational  
3 alternative in this country, and a growing number of parents in Colorado  
4 have chosen to teach their children at home; and

5 WHEREAS, Recent scientific studies have found that home-  
6 education students, on average, score between the 75th and 90th  
7 percentile on nationally standardized tests administered in grades 1  
8 through 12; and

9 WHEREAS, Home-educated students captured four of the top six  
10 positions in the 2005 Colorado State Spelling Bee, including first place;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Home-educated young men and women regularly  
13 serve as interns and aides in the Colorado House and Senate; and

14 WHEREAS, Home-educating parents ought to be commended for  
15 the extraordinary sacrifice and commitment they bring to the education  
16 of their children; and

17 WHEREAS, It is appropriate that Colorado home educators and  
18 home-educated children be recognized for their contribution to the  
19 diversity and quality of education in this great state; and

20 WHEREAS, Volunteer organizations such as Christian Home  
21 Educators of Colorado, Concerned Parents of Colorado, and hundreds of  
22 home-education support groups throughout the state provide a network  
23 of support, resources, and encouragement to thousands of  
24 home-education families around the state; now, therefore,

25 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fifth*  
26 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring*  
27 *herein:*

28 That we, the members of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly of the  
29 state of Colorado, honor, thank, and celebrate home educators and the  
30 home-educated youth of this state, and recognize April 8, 2005, as Home  
31 Education Day in Colorado.

32 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be  
33 sent to Christian Home Educators of Colorado and Concerned Parents of  
34 Colorado.