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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-027

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF APRIL 8, 2016, AS "HOME**
102 **EDUCATION DAY IN COLORADO".**

1 WHEREAS, Colorado law affirms that it is the primary right and
2 obligation of parents to choose the proper education and training for
3 children under their care and supervision, and that home-based education
4 is a legitimate alternative to classroom attendance for the instruction of
5 children; and

6 WHEREAS, Home education is part of America's national
7 heritage, as evidenced in the formative years of home-educated
8 Americans such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy
9 Adams, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt,
10 Abigail Adams, Patrick Henry, John Jay, Booker T. Washington, Andrew
11 Carnegie, Thomas Edison, Mark Twain, and Ansel Adams; 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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SENATE
Final Reading
April 8, 2016

1 WHEREAS, The growing research on adults who were
2 home-educated indicates that they internalize the values and beliefs of
3 their parents at a high rate; and

4 WHEREAS, Home-educated students score above average on
5 achievement tests regardless of their parent's level of formal education or
6 their family's household income; and

7 WHEREAS, A 2015 study of homeschool graduates found that
8 92% of those surveyed were happy with their home-education experience;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The study found that 82% of young people who were
11 homeschooled plan to use homeschooling for at least part of their
12 children's education; and

13 WHEREAS, The over two million children who are
14 home-educated in the United States today save American tax payers an
15 estimated twenty-four billion dollars annually; and

16 WHEREAS, Parents who have home-educated their children are
17 to be commended for their extraordinary sacrifice and commitment that
18 has produced millions of home-educated graduates who are equipped to
19 be successful and productive citizens because of the values, education,
20 and training they have received from their parents; now, therefore,

21 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventieth General Assembly*
22 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

23 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, honor,
24 thank, and celebrate home educators and their home-educated children of
25 this state and recognize April 8, 2016, as Home Education Day in
26 Colorado.

27 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
28 to Christian Home Educators of Colorado; Governor John Hickenlooper;
29 and Brian D. Ray, Founder and President of the National Home Education
30 Research Institute.