



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-027

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to

Christian Home Educators of Colorado; Governor John Hickenlooper;  
and Brian D. Ray, Founder and President of the National Home Education  
Research Institute.

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