



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-022

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CONCERNING COLORADO MOUNTAIN COLLEGE'S 50 YEARS OF SERVICE AND EDUCATION TO THE STATE OF COLORADO, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, RECOGNIZING THE NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE COLLEGE AND ITS GRADUATES.

WHEREAS, Colorado Mountain College (College) was founded on November 2, 1965, and classes began on October 2, 1967, after local visionaries and voters of six counties approved the creation of a local college district because they valued the contributions postsecondary options would have for their mountain communities; and

WHEREAS, Founders of the College worked tirelessly to establish a taxing district across five initial counties, including persuading local companies, civic organizations, chambers of commerce, and residents of the importance of offering higher education to remote mountain locations in the state; and

WHEREAS, Original land donors in Glenwood Springs selflessly gave the College nearly 800 acres of the land from which they had ranched and provided a livelihood for their families in order to advance the idea of higher education and lifelong learning for their community; and

WHEREAS, After several locations were offered, the Lake County commissioners, Leadville Land and Water Company, and the Leadville Sanitation District offered approximately 100 acres of land to create a campus at 10,000 feet above sea level in Leadville; and

WHEREAS, The two original campuses were built simultaneously in Leadville and Glenwood Springs, and now the College serves students and communities in 11 locations in nine counties spanning 12,000 square miles; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 50 years, the College has served an estimated 500,000 students through its degree programs, community instruction, corporate training, and high school options; and

WHEREAS, Affordability is a top priority of the College and the College district, and the U.S. Department of Education ranks the College as the third most affordable public four-year degree in the country with in-district students only paying \$62 per credit hour; and

WHEREAS, Partnering with local school districts through concurrent enrollment and the Mountain Futures Fund leverages public and private funding to ensure that every local high school student has the opportunity for a college education, including a scholarship to the College; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the significant number of Coloradans with some college credits but no postsecondary credential, the College launched "Finish What You Started" to help adults and other nontraditional students complete their college degrees; and

WHEREAS, The college serves as a regional economic driver with \$65.4 million in economic output and \$46.2 million in earnings created by the College's 1,178 full-time equivalent jobs in the nine-county region; and

WHEREAS, College graduates include firefighters, police officers, first responders, Fulbright Scholars, teachers, NASA researchers, nurses, Pulitzer Prize winners, welders, Olympic medalists, graphic designers, and countless other invaluable leaders of the community; now, therefore,

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

That the Colorado General Assembly congratulates Colorado Mountain College on its 50 years of service and education to the state of Colorado and recognizes the notable achievements and contributions of the College and its graduates.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to David Delaplane, founding father of Colorado Mountain College; the Colorado Mountain College Board of Trustees; each campus and the central administrative office in the College; and the members of the Colorado Congressional delegation.

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