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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-035

101 **CONCERNING RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF CONQUERING**
102 **SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGES FROM MEDICINE TO SPACE AND**
103 **BEYOND.**

1 WHEREAS, The first manned mission of the United States Apollo
2 program, Apollo 1, was launched 50 years ago on February 21, 1967; and

3 WHEREAS, The momentous event of the moon landing was
4 preceded by the launch of the Surveyor 3 probe and the Lunar Orbiter 4
5 in 1967; and

6 WHEREAS, Our nation was inspired by the words of President
7 John F. Kennedy six years prior in 1961 when he said, "Now it is time to
8 take longer strides--time for a great new American enterprise--time for
9 this nation to take a clearly leading role in space achievement, which in

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1 many ways may hold the key to our future on Earth."; and

2 WHEREAS, At a convocation address in 1983, President Ronald
3 W. Reagan said, "There are no such things as limits to growth, because
4 there are no limits on the human capacity for intelligence, imagination,
5 and wonder."; and

6 WHEREAS, During President Barack H. Obama's 2016 State of
7 the Union Address, the president announced a national "Moonshot"
8 program to focus all available resources of the United States in the fight
9 against cancer; and

10 WHEREAS, A study by the New American Economy states that
11 there are 15.3 job openings for every unemployed worker in science,
12 technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) jobs in Colorado; and

13 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado boasts industry leadership in
14 the development of groundbreaking medical breakthroughs through
15 biotechnology, pharmaceutical, and medical device development; and

16 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado is a national leader in the
17 development and growing use of clean renewable energy as part of our
18 energy portfolio; and

19 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado is a significant contributor to
20 our nation's understanding of the mysteries of space through our
21 partnerships; now, therefore,

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

24 (1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,
25 recognize that "Moonshot" initiatives have inspired our children to
26 achieve at the highest level and seek creative solutions to our society's
27 greatest challenges;

28 (2) That "Moonshot" initiatives are long-term noble and patriotic
29 pursuits that establish our nation as a global leader in many fields;

30 (3) That at a time of extreme political polarization and rhetoric,
31 we encourage leaders across the United States to come together as
32 patriots and public servants to renew the spirit of American Frontierism

1 that gives life to our national motto, "E pluribus unum", out of many one,
2 through the pursuit of the impossible;

3 (4) That we acknowledge the importance of supporting the
4 greatest ambitions of our children so that they further our state's
5 leadership in innovative industries that will significantly shape our future;
6 and

7 (5) That we value our teachers and educators across the state that
8 spark the curiosity and inspiration of our children to believe that they can
9 be responsible for finding solutions to our greatest challenges.

10 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
11 to Governor John Hickenlooper, the Colorado Department of Education,
12 and each member of Colorado's congressional delegation.