



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-035

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CONCERNING RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF
 CONQUERING SCIENTIFIC CHALLENGES FROM MEDICINE TO
 SPACE AND BEYOND.

WHEREAS, The United States Apollo program began in 1967; and

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

WHEREAS, Our nation was inspired by the words of President John F. Kennedy six years prior in 1961 when he said, "Now it is time to take longer strides--time for a great new American enterprise--time for this nation to take a clearly leading role in space achievement, which in many ways may hold the key to our future on Earth."; and

WHEREAS, At a convocation address in 1983, President Ronald W. Reagan said, "There are no such things as limits to growth, because there

are no limits on the human capacity for intelligence, imagination, and wonder."; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The state of Colorado is a significant contributor to our nation's understanding of the mysteries of space through our partnerships; 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:

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

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

(3) That at a time of extreme political polarization and rhetoric, we encourage leaders across the United States to come together as patriots and public servants to renew the spirit of American Frontierism that gives life to our national motto, "E pluribus unum", out of many one, through the pursuit of the impossible;

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

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

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

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