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HOUSE FLOOR AMENDMENT
BY REPRESENTATIVE Barron

1   Amend engrossed joint resolution, page 1, strike lines 1 through 9 and
2   substitute:

3   "WHEREAS, Colorado is home to people of many backgrounds,
4   including citizens and legal immigrants, who contribute to the civic,
5   economic, and cultural life of the state; and

6   WHEREAS, In 2025, the Colorado Fiscal Institute reported that
7   legal immigrants in the state of Colorado contribute $1.5 billion in state
8   and local tax revenue annually, a significant contribution to our economy;
9   and

10   WHEREAS, The United States immigration system is complex,
11 governed by federal law, and administered by the federal government;
12 and

13   WHEREAS, Public trust is strengthened when laws are enforced
14 consistently and in accordance with constitutional protections; and

15   WHEREAS, The General Assembly recognizes that rhetoric
16 surrounding immigration can create confusion and anxiety and should be
17 addressed responsibly without undermining lawful enforcement or due
18 process, and we honor all Coloradans who have lost their lives,
19 recognizing the profound loss experienced by their families and the
20 enduring impact on their communities; and

21   WHEREAS, Under Colorado law, including laws enacted by the
22 passage of House Bill 19-1124 and Senate Bill 21-131, state and local law
23 enforcement agencies are prohibited from assisting, participating in, or
24 cooperating with federal civil immigration enforcement actions conducted
25 by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, except where expressly
26 required by federal law; now, therefore,

27   *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly*
28 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

29   (1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

30   (a) Affirm that true community safety requires transparency, legal
31 clarity, and the ability for all legal residents to move, work, learn,
32 worship, seek care, and live without fear;

1   (b) Reaffirm the civil rights of Legal Immigrant Coloradans and
2 affirm that dignity, belonging, family unity, and freedom from
3 intimidation are fundamental rights of all who call Colorado home;

4   (c) Support the right of members of the public to robustly exercise
5 their First Amendment rights to free speech and to petition their
6 government for redress, and urge that all protests be peaceful in nature;

7   (d) Advocate for modernized federal immigration reform that
8 strengthens border security; enforces existing laws; prioritizes legal
9 immigration; protects American jobs; and ensures a system that is fair,
10 orderly, and in the best interests of United States citizens;

11   (e) Support state-level transparency measures and urge continued
12 investment in state-level oversight, community reporting mechanisms,
13 and public transparency tools to ensure compliance with civil rights
14 standards and support the responsibility of federal law enforcement;

15   (f) Declare that Colorado is home to one of the most diverse legal
16 immigrant populations in the country and that Legal Immigrant
17 Coloradans contribute to every sector, from education and health care to
18 construction, entrepreneurship, public service, and culture;

19   (g) Reaffirm that all Immigrant Coloradans are expected to follow
20 federal legal processes and that illegal entry or violation of federal law
21 will be addressed through federal enforcement; and

22   (h) Reaffirm that the General Assembly of the State of Colorado
23 neither directs nor exercises supervisory authority over federal law
24 enforcement agencies, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement,
25 and that federal immigration enforcement actions are governed
26 exclusively by federal law and federal executive authority.".

27 Strike pages 2 through 5.

28 Page 1, strike lines 101 through 103 and substitute "CONCERNING
29 COLORADO'S COMMITMENT TO THE RULE OF LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY,
30 LEGAL IMMIGRATION, AND CONSTITUTIONAL LIMITS ON STATE
31 AUTHORITY OVER FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT.".

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