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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-020**

101 **CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF APRIL 9, 2026, AS "HOME**  
102 **EDUCATION DAY" IN COLORADO.**

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

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

*Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.*

1           WHEREAS, Growing research indicates that adults who were  
2 home-educated internalize the values and beliefs of their parents at a high  
3 rate; and

4           WHEREAS, Home-educated students score above the national  
5 institutional average on achievement tests regardless of their parents' level  
6 of formal education or their family's household income; and

7           WHEREAS, There were an estimated 57,000 home-educated  
8 students in grades K-12 in Colorado during the 2024-2025 school year;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, The home-educated students in Colorado save  
11 taxpayers an estimated \$1 billion annually; and

12           WHEREAS, The 3.4 million children who are home-educated in  
13 the United States today save American taxpayers an estimated \$64 billion  
14 annually; and

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

20           *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly*  
21 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*  
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23           That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, honor,  
24 thank, and celebrate home educators and their home-educated children of  
25 this state and recognize April 9, 2026, as Home Education Day in  
26 Colorado.