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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-020

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

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.
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SENATE
Final Reading
April 9, 2026

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.