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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-025**

101     **CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE**  
102             **COLORADO MINING ASSOCIATION, THE OLDEST MINING**  
103             **ASSOCIATION IN THE UNITED STATES.**

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1             WHEREAS, The Colorado Mining Association was established in  
2     1876 and incorporated in 1897 and is the oldest mining association in the  
3     United States, sharing its 150th anniversary in 2026 with the State of  
4     Colorado; and

5             WHEREAS, From the earliest days, mining was foundational to  
6     the territorial economy, population growth, and path to Colorado's  
7     statehood; and

8             WHEREAS, The Colorado Mining Association played a notable  
9     role in the history of the State and represented its earliest employers and  
10    mining communities; and

11            WHEREAS, The mining industry was a catalyst that built towns,  
12    funded schools, laid railroads, and drew people from around the world  
13    seeking opportunity; and

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*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, Mining contributed immensely to making the territory  
2 into a state, helped the rugged landscape evolve into a thriving economy,  
3 and responded when called upon to fulfill a critical role in the production  
4 of minerals in support of the Nation during times of war; and

5           WHEREAS, The mining industry and the Colorado Mining  
6 Association prioritize continual improvements to safety performance and  
7 mitigation of environmental impacts as mining practices advance and  
8 innovate; and

9           WHEREAS, The mining industry celebrates its workforce and the  
10 communities in which it operates across Colorado representing a  
11 partnership that emphasizes safety, transparency, and ongoing  
12 engagement; and

13           WHEREAS, Colorado Mining Association members have  
14 significantly contributed to the reclamation of legacy mine sites, with  
15 substantial resources dedicated to reclaiming legacy mine lands; and

16           WHEREAS, The Colorado Mining Association maintains a strong  
17 working relationship with the State of Colorado and its regulatory  
18 agencies, and, for over 25 years, the Colorado Mining Association has  
19 partnered with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety  
20 in the Department of Natural Resources to promote and recognize  
21 excellence in environmental stewardship and mine safety; and

22           WHEREAS, The Colorado Mining Association has maintained a  
23 Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Bureau of Land  
24 Management since 1976 to foster open communication and collaboration  
25 for the responsible production of mineral resources in Colorado; and

26           WHEREAS, Thanks to these long-standing collaborative  
27 relationships, Colorado's mining industry has earned a global reputation  
28 for exceeding some of the world's most rigorous environmental and safety  
29 standards; and

30           WHEREAS, Today, the Colorado Mining Association represents  
31 companies that are engaged in the exploration, production, and refining  
32 of mineral resources, as well as mining companies with national and  
33 global headquarters in Colorado, equipment manufacturers, law firms,  
34 engineering and consulting organizations, and financial institutions  
35 serving the mining industry; and

1           WHEREAS, Colorado has among the richest mineral endowments  
2 in the Nation, and is the global leader in molybdenum production and a  
3 significant producer of gold, coal, uranium, vanadium, and industrial  
4 minerals and has the potential for additional copper, silver, and other  
5 critical minerals development in the future; and

6           WHEREAS, The mining industry in Colorado contributes  
7 approximately \$7 billion to Colorado's GDP each year, has among the  
8 highest industry sector pay rates in the state with an average annual salary  
9 of \$112,000, and supports nearly 57,000 direct and indirect jobs, making  
10 Colorado the hub of the professional mining sector in the United States;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, The mining industry in Colorado produces minerals  
13 that support other important Colorado industries, including energy  
14 production and transmission, aerospace and technology, medical  
15 equipment, infrastructure, and many others, contributing to the nation's  
16 energy, national security, and advanced technology objectives; and

17           WHEREAS, The Colorado Mining Association is well positioned  
18 to remain an important part of Colorado's economy, supporting jobs,  
19 economic development, and the production of minerals needed for the  
20 state's industries and future growth; now, therefore,

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

23           That the General Assembly recognizes the Colorado Mining  
24 Association for its foundational role in Colorado's history and its  
25 continued representation of the mining industry to support responsible  
26 development for vital mineral resources.