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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.**

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

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HOUSE
Final Reading
May 12, 2026

SENATE
Final Reading
May 4, 2026

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

33 WHEREAS, Today, the Colorado Mining Association represents

1 companies that are engaged in the exploration, production, and refining
2 of mineral resources, as well as mining companies with national and
3 global headquarters in Colorado, equipment manufacturers, law firms,
4 engineering and consulting organizations, and financial institutions
5 serving the mining industry; and

6 WHEREAS, Colorado has among the richest mineral endowments
7 in the Nation, and is the global leader in molybdenum production and a
8 significant producer of gold, coal, uranium, vanadium, and industrial
9 minerals and has the potential for additional copper, silver, and other
10 critical minerals development in the future; and

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

17 WHEREAS, The mining industry in Colorado produces minerals
18 that support other important Colorado industries, including energy
19 production and transmission, aerospace and technology, medical
20 equipment, infrastructure, and many others, contributing to the nation's
21 energy, national security, and advanced technology objectives; and

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

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

28 That the General Assembly recognizes the Colorado Mining
29 Association for its foundational role in Colorado's history and its
30 continued representation of the mining industry to support responsible
31 development for vital mineral resources.