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HOUSE RESOLUTION 16-1005

101 CONCERNING THE OFFICIAL MOTTO OF THE STATE OF COLORADO,
102 AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, DESIGNATING MARCH 15,
103 2016, AS "STATE MOTTO DAY".

1 WHEREAS, The First Territorial Assembly of Colorado on
2 November 6, 1861, adopted the territorial seal by joint resolution
3 containing the phrase "Nil Sine Numine" as the territorial motto; and

4 WHEREAS, "Nil Sine Numine" has been translated as "Nothing
5 Without Providence", "Nothing Without the Diety", "Nothing Without
6 Divine Will", and in the early mining days of the state, even "Nothing
7 Without a New Mine"; and

8 WHEREAS, On March 15, 1877, the territorial seal and motto
9 were adopted as the Colorado state seal and motto by the First General
10 Assembly of our state; and

11 WHEREAS, Virgil's epic Aeneid contains the phrase "Non Haec
12 Sine Numine Devum Eveniunt", meaning "This Cannot Happen Without
13 the Power", which is thought to have inspired the motto of the State of
14 Colorado; and

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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HOUSE
Final Reading
March 15, 2016

1 WHEREAS, The motto appeared when Colorado's first Territorial
2 Governor William Gilpin asked the Secretary of the Territory L.C. Weld
3 for a suitable motto for the state seal; and

4 WHEREAS, According to legend, Weld said, "Well, Governor,
5 what would you suggest?"; and

6 WHEREAS, Governor William Gilpin is said to have paused for
7 a moment and then responded, "Nil Sine Numine"; and

8 WHEREAS, The motto is inscribed on the Great Seal of the State
9 of Colorado by law; now, therefore,

10 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventieth*
11 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

12 (1) That we, the House of Representatives of the Colorado
13 General Assembly declare March 15, 2016, as "State Motto Day" and we
14 honor the intent of the Colorado founders who declared "Nil Sine
15 Numine" as our state motto; and

16 (2) That, in consultation with Leadership in the House of
17 Representatives, the words of the Colorado State Motto, "Nil Sine
18 Numine" be displayed in a temporary, removable banner for one day only,
19 on March 15, 2016, on the west wall of the House chamber, behind the
20 Speaker's podium, below the clock; and

21 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to
22 Governor John Hickenlooper, the Colorado State Senate, and the Chief
23 Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court, Nancy E. Rice.