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HOUSE RESOLUTION 18-1004

101 CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF THE URGENT AND IMMEDIATE NEED
102 FOR CONGRESS TO PASS A PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION
103 THAT SUPPORTS POLICIES AND AN IMMIGRATION SYSTEM THAT
104 WILL POSITIVELY IMPACT DREAMERS.

1 WHEREAS, Dreamers, after the federal "DREAM Act", play a
2 vital role in our national, state, and local economies; and

3 WHEREAS, In the United States, there are 800,000 Dreamers,
4 with over 95% who are either working or in school, contributing to our
5 communities and economy; and

6 WHEREAS, There are 17,300 Deferred Action for Childhood
7 Arrivals (DACA) recipients in Colorado who came to the United States
8 as children, and their futures have been at risk since DACA was rescinded
9 in September 2017; and

10 WHEREAS, According to several surveys, the majority of the
11 American public overwhelmingly supports giving Dreamers the chance
12 to stay permanently in this country; and

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

HOUSE
Final Reading
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1 WHEREAS, Colorado risks an annual GDP loss of \$856.9 million
2 if Dreamers are no longer guaranteed the right to work and study in the
3 state; and

4 WHEREAS, The Colorado House of Representatives believes that
5 tax dollars should be used efficiently on sensible border security and not
6 on deporting Dreamers who have been living peacefully in our
7 communities; and

8 WHEREAS, Families should be kept together because they are the
9 basic unit of society and should not live in fear of being separated from
10 their loved ones; and

11 WHEREAS, The Colorado House of Representatives supports an
12 immigration system and policies that encourage opportunities and
13 positively impact our economy and recognizes that Dreamers help to
14 grow the economy; now, therefore,

15 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-first*
16 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

17 (1) That members of the Colorado House of Representatives stand
18 by the economic and cultural contributions that DACA recipients, as well
19 as Dreamers who were left out of the program, have made for the people
20 of Colorado;

21 (2) That members of the Colorado House of Representatives
22 recognize that the possibility of Dreamers losing their work authorization
23 and deportation protections would have devastating and far-reaching
24 job-loss consequences for all Americans; and

25 (3) That members of the Colorado House of Representatives urge
26 Colorado's congressional delegation to support efforts to immediately find
27 a collaborative and rational approach to passing a permanent legislative
28 solution that allows Dreamers to secure legal status.

29 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to
30 Colorado's congressional delegation.