

CHAPTER 38

GOVERNMENT - STATE

HOUSE BILL 97-1269

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also SENATORS Phillips, Bishop, Blickensderfer, Coffman, Hernandez, Martinez, Norton, Pascoe, Powers, Tanner, and Weddig.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF THE WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM AS THE
OFFICIAL STATE AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. Legislative declaration. (1) The general assembly hereby inds and declares that:

- (a) Colorado has a rich aviation heritage that should be preserved and promoted;
- (b) The Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum is Denver's first and only museum dedicated solely to aerospace history and technology;
- (c) The Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum teaches younger generations about the science of aviation and space travel;
- (d) The Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum is operated by a nonprofit foundation whose mission is to preserve Colorado's historical aviation and space heritage and provide an educational facility for the dissemination of this knowledge;
- (e) The Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum will enhance, preserve, and exhibit the heritage of military, civil, and commercial aviation and space-age involvement in the state of Colorado and the Rocky Mountain region; and
- (f) The Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum currently stores property of the Colorado Aviation Historical Society that includes Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame display items with the intent to open a Colorado Aviation Hall of Fame exhibit during the current calendar year.

Capital letters indicate new material added to existing statutes; dashes through words indicate deletions from existing statutes and such material not part of act.

(2) It is therefore the intent of the general assembly that the Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum be declared as the official air and space museum for the state of Colorado.

SECTION 2. Part 9 of article 80 of title 24, Colorado Revised Statutes, 1988 Repl. Vol., as amended, is amended BY THE ADDITION OF A NEW SECTION to read:

24-80-915. State museum. THE WINGS OVER THE ROCKIES AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM IS HEREBY MADE AND DECLARED TO BE THE OFFICIAL STATE AIR AND SPACE MUSEUM OF THE STATE OF COLORADO.

SECTION 3. Effective date. This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

Approved: March 24, 1997