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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-007

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF JANUARY 30, 2017, AS COLORADO**
102 **4-H DAY.**

1 WHEREAS, The Colorado 4-H Youth Development program is
2 founded on the notion that youth are a vital resource for ensuring a better
3 tomorrow, and that assisting youth as they prepare for the future is the
4 4-H program's central mission; and

5 WHEREAS, The Colorado 4-H program is an integral part of
6 Colorado State University Extension and is fundamental to the land-grant
7 university mission; and

8 WHEREAS, More than 112,200 Colorado youth, with the
9 guidance of 12,185 adult and youth volunteer leaders, currently contribute
10 to their communities and gain practical experience in workforce

*Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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Final Reading
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1 preparation and career exploration through their 4-H projects and
2 activities; and

3 WHEREAS, The Colorado State University Extension 4-H Youth
4 Development program works to serve military-connected youth through
5 4-H clubs and projects and special events and programs partnering with
6 the Army, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, and National Guard and
7 Reserves; and

8 WHEREAS, Colorado State University Extension's partners
9 consider 4-H an expert in research-based curricula; quality youth
10 development programming; professional development training for adults;
11 and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education; and

12 WHEREAS, Colorado 4-H returns \$45 million annually to the
13 Colorado economy plus \$31 million in added value of volunteer-time
14 contributions resulting in a tenfold return on investment over the cost to
15 conduct the program; and

16 WHEREAS, A decade-long longitudinal study of positive youth
17 development showed that, compared to their peers, youth involved in 4-H
18 programs are:

- 19 ! Four times more likely to make contributions to their
20 communities;
- 21 ! Two times more likely to be civically active;
- 22 ! Two times more likely to make healthier choices; and
- 23 ! Two times more likely to participate in science,
24 engineering, or computer technology programs during
25 out-of-school time; and

26 WHEREAS, Participation in 4-H in Colorado is open to youth
27 between the ages of 5 and 19 from all economic, social, and cultural
28 backgrounds; now, therefore,

29 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-first General Assembly*
30 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

31 (1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

32 (a) Salute the Colorado 4-H program in its efforts to prepare
33 Colorado's youth for the future, providing a wealth of opportunities for
34 young people to acquire decision-making, leadership, and communication

1 skills, as well as a host of other life skills, in a hands-on, friendly learning
2 environment;

3 (b) Commend Colorado State University Extension for its work
4 in supporting the mission of the Colorado 4-H program;

5 (c) Recognize the invaluable contribution of the thousands of
6 adult volunteers whose efforts enhance the 4-H experience for Colorado
7 youth; and

8 (d) Encourage young people in Colorado to get a head start on life
9 by participating in 4-H activities.

10 *Be It Further Resolved*, That the General Assembly hereby
11 declares this day, January 30, 2017, "Colorado 4-H Day" in recognition
12 of the 4-H program's efforts on behalf of Colorado's youth.