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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25-020

101 **CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF COLORADO MESA UNIVERSITY'S**
102 **100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY.**

1 WHEREAS, The Grand Junction, Colorado, community began
2 work in the 1880s to create an institution of higher learning to serve
3 western Colorado students; and

4 WHEREAS, A broad coalition of community leaders, including
5 Senator Ollie Bannister, Representative C.J. McCormick of Mesa County,
6 and Governor Clarence Morley, were successful in passing legislation
7 creating Grand Junction Junior College in April 1925; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the decades, the name of Grand Junction's
9 institution of higher learning has morphed from Grand Junction Junior
10 College to Grand Junction State Junior College to Mesa College to Mesa

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1 State College to its current moniker, Colorado Mesa University, but the
2 personalized focus on providing students with tangible skills to meet
3 workforce needs has not changed; and

4 WHEREAS, Colorado Mesa University is an institution unique to
5 our state in that it delivers both career and technical two-year, four-year,
6 and graduate degree programs; and

7 WHEREAS, Colorado Mesa University is a major economic driver
8 in western Colorado, with over \$500 million in annual economic impact
9 to the region; and

10 WHEREAS, Colorado Mesa University is one of Colorado's
11 fastest growing institutions of higher education; and

12 WHEREAS, Colorado Mesa University is a beacon of opportunity
13 to first-generation students from across the state; and

14 WHEREAS, The history of Colorado Mesa University is replete
15 with grit, determination, and a willingness to break from the pack,
16 exemplified by its long-standing mascot, the Maverick; and

17 WHEREAS, The state deeply values the unique role and mission
18 and the long history of Colorado Mesa University and its ability to deliver
19 high-quality academic programs at every level; and

20 WHEREAS, 2025 marks Colorado Mesa University's 100-year
21 anniversary of changing lives through the transformative power of
22 education; now, therefore,

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

25 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

26 (1) Recognize the countless achievements of students, faculty
27 members, and community leaders over the past 100 years at Colorado
28 Mesa University;

29 (2) Pay tribute to 100 years of Maverick pride across the state of
30 Colorado and beyond;

1 (3) Toast the success of Colorado Mesa University and the entire
2 Western Slope community for 100 years of impact; and

3 (4) Look forward to being a part of the next century of success at
4 Colorado Mesa University.

5 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
6 to the Colorado Mesa University Board of Trustees and members of the
7 Colorado Mesa University Century Project Steering Committee.