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SENATE RESOLUTION 25-009

101 CONCERNING THE NECESSITY OF SCHOOL CHOICE IN COLORADO.

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1           WHEREAS, Education is the cornerstone of a free society, and the  
2       ability of families to choose the best educational path for their children is  
3       a fundamental expression of liberty; and

4           WHEREAS, School choice empowers enthusiastic students,  
5       engaged parents, and exceptional teachers by creating an environment in  
6       which innovation, high achievement, and personal responsibility are not  
7       only encouraged but expected; and

8           WHEREAS, Competition among schools--whether traditional  
9       public, charter, private, or home-based--drives excellence, fosters  
10      innovation, and ensures that families are not bound by zip code to a  
11      one-size-fits-all system; and

12        WHEREAS, Innovation in the education ecosystem enables  
13        students to adapt to evolving workforce needs, preparing them for  
14        enduring success; and

15        WHEREAS, Choice in education encourages efficiency in the use

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1 of public dollars by fostering responsiveness to student needs and parent  
2 expectations while prioritizing classroom success over bureaucratic  
3 inertia; and

4 WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic provided many parents  
5 with an unprecedented window into the daily instruction, culture, and  
6 operations of their children's schools, leading countless families to seek  
7 alternative educational options that better reflect their children's  
8 individual needs; and

9 WHEREAS, Charter schools and other forms of school choice  
10 have seen significant growth since the pandemic, offering families  
11 high-quality alternatives and producing strong academic outcomes across  
12 diverse populations; and

13 WHEREAS, Despite record levels of education funding, a  
14 disproportionate share of resources has been absorbed by growing  
15 administrative overhead and non-instructional costs, thereby crowding out  
16 the opportunity to raise teacher salaries and directly support classroom  
17 learning; and

18 WHEREAS, Teachers--not administrators--are the frontline of  
19 student achievement, and we must do more to ensure that resources are  
20 directed toward rewarding and retaining high-performing educators; and

21 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado has both a moral and fiscal  
22 responsibility to support educational environments that foster excellence,  
23 elevate outcomes, and expand opportunity for every child, regardless of  
24 background or income; and

25 WHEREAS, Families deserve a full range of educational  
26 options--including charter schools, online programs, private and parochial  
27 schools, homeschooling, and open enrollment--so that they may select the  
28 best fit for their children's academic and personal growth; now, therefore,

29 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly*  
30 *of the State of Colorado:*

31 (1) That we affirm our strong support for the principle of school  
32 choice and the critical role it plays in advancing student achievement,  
33 family empowerment, and educational excellence;

7                   (4) That we urge our colleagues and education leaders across the  
8 state to recognize and reinforce the role of enthusiastic students, engaged  
9 parents, and exceptional teachers in shaping the future of education in  
10 Colorado.