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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-012

101 **CONCERNING RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF ROCKY VISTA**
102 **UNIVERSITY.**

1 WHEREAS, Rocky Vista University was established in 2006 as
2 the nation's first private, for-profit health sciences university to offer a
3 professional medical degree since 1910; and

4 WHEREAS, Housed in a 145,000-square-foot, technologically
5 advanced building in Parker, the University selected Colorado as its home
6 due to the large number of counties designated as medically underserved
7 areas and the fact that Colorado had, at the time, only one medical school
8 to serve the state; and

9 WHEREAS, The University contributes an estimated \$75 million
10 to the economic development of the Town of Parker, Douglas County,

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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1 and the State of Colorado, without relying on state funding; and

2 WHEREAS, The University's admissions process includes
3 selecting candidates who demonstrate leadership and a strong
4 commitment to service, and its medical students continue to serve local,
5 national, and global populations; and

6 WHEREAS, A total of 727 student doctors have graduated since
7 the Inaugural Class of 2012; and

8 WHEREAS, The University's College of Osteopathic Medicine
9 has distinguished itself in academic excellence, with board scores ranked
10 at the top of all osteopathic medical schools and 100% residency
11 placement rates; and

12 WHEREAS, Osteopathic medicine was chosen as the University's
13 first program because of the osteopathic emphasis on primary care and its
14 mind-body-spirit approach to medicine; and

15 WHEREAS, The College boasts one of the highest percentage of
16 medical students on military scholarship of any civilian medical school
17 and is designated a Top 10-Gold Level Military Friendly School; and

18 WHEREAS, Demonstrating its commitment to primary care, the
19 College developed an honors track in Rural and Wilderness Medicine,
20 with nearly half of the graduates entering a primary care field; and

21 WHEREAS, The College provides training, called Active Threat
22 Exercises, for metro area EMT-BASIC, Paramedics, and law
23 enforcement; and

24 WHEREAS, As the host of the annual Medical Academy of
25 Science and Health (MASH) Camp, the College provides high school
26 students with a glimpse into the world of health care; and

27 WHEREAS, Based on the successes of the University and its
28 commitment to serving underserved populations in the Mountain West
29 Region, Rocky Vista has established a second location in the neighboring
30 state of Utah; and

31 WHEREAS, The Rocky Vista Health Center opens its doors to all
32 patients regardless of their ability to pay for services; now, therefore,

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

3 That the Colorado General Assembly congratulates Rocky Vista
4 University on more than 10 years of service and education in the State of
5 Colorado and recognizes the notable growth, achievements, and
6 contributions of the University and its graduates.

7 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
8 to Mr. Yife Tien, founder of Rocky Vista University; the Rocky Vista
9 University Board of Trustees; and the Colorado and Utah Congressional
10 delegations.