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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-027**

101      **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF APRIL 8, 2016, AS "HOME**  
102            **EDUCATION DAY IN COLORADO".**

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1            WHEREAS, Colorado law affirms that it is the primary right and  
2      obligation of parents to choose the proper education and training for  
3      children under their care and supervision, and that home-based education  
4      is a legitimate alternative to classroom attendance for the instruction of  
5      children; and

6            WHEREAS, Home education is part of America's national  
7      heritage, as evidenced in the formative years of home-educated  
8      Americans such as George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Quincy  
9      Adams, Abraham Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
10     Abigail Adams, Patrick Henry, John Jay, Booker T. Washington, Andrew  
11     Carnegie, Thomas Edison, Mark Twain, and Ansel Adams; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
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1           WHEREAS, The growing research on adults who were  
2 home-educated indicates that they internalize the values and beliefs of  
3 their parents at a high rate; and

4           WHEREAS, Home-educated students score above average on  
5 achievement tests regardless of their parent's level of formal education or  
6 their family's household income; and

7           WHEREAS, A 2015 study of homeschool graduates found that  
8 92% of those surveyed were happy with their home-education experience;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, The study found that 82% of young people who were  
11 homeschooled plan to use homeschooling for at least part of their  
12 children's education; and

13           WHEREAS, The over two million children who are  
14 home-educated in the United States today save American tax payers an  
15 estimated twenty-four billion dollars annually; and

16           WHEREAS, Parents who have home-educated their children are  
17 to be commended for their extraordinary sacrifice and commitment that  
18 has produced millions of home-educated graduates who are equipped to  
19 be successful and productive citizens because of the values, education,  
20 and training they have received from their parents; now, therefore,

21           *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventieth General Assembly*  
22 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

23           That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, honor,  
24 thank, and celebrate home educators and their home-educated children of  
25 this state and recognize April 8, 2016, as Home Education Day in  
26 Colorado.

27           *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
28 to Christian Home Educators of Colorado; Governor John Hickenlooper;  
29 and Brian D. Ray, Founder and President of the National Home Education  
30 Research Institute.