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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-018**

101     **CONCERNING RECOGNIZING THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE**  
102     **UNITED KINGDOM AND COLORADO.**

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1       WHEREAS, The United States and the United Kingdom are  
2       brought together by our close linguistic, historic, cultural, and political  
3       ties and these strong bonds make us natural, resilient, and strong partners  
4       and allies in the global community; and

5       WHEREAS, The United States and the United Kingdom draw  
6       inspiration from common values: Open government, free speech, and  
7       open markets; and

8       WHEREAS, The Magna Carta, created in 1215 in England,  
9       established the basis for protecting individual freedoms and strongly  
10      influenced the development of the United States Constitution, the Bill of

HOUSE  
Final Reading  
March 16, 2017

SENATE  
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Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1        Rights, and the Colorado Constitution; and

2            WHEREAS, The United States is Britain's largest single trading  
3        partner and the United Kingdom's top export destination. The United  
4        States remains by far the United Kingdom's largest inward investor. This  
5        partnership -- worth over \$200 billion a year -- has created a million jobs  
6        on both sides of the Atlantic; and

7            WHEREAS, The United Kingdom-United States economic  
8        relationship is exceptionally strong in Colorado, where the United  
9        Kingdom is the state's largest foreign direct investor, having created over  
10       14,000 jobs, and the United Kingdom also ranks in the top ten export  
11       markets for Colorado goods and services; and

12           WHEREAS, Numerous Colorado-based companies are investors  
13        in the United Kingdom, including many of the state's Fortune 500  
14        companies, as well as its small and medium size companies, in industries  
15       ranging from infrastructure to technology to food and beverage; and

16           WHEREAS, The United States and the United Kingdom have been  
17        historic and consistent partners in matters of international security. As  
18        close allies in NATO, permanent members of the United Nations Security  
19        Council, and leading nuclear powers, the United States-United Kingdom  
20        partnership has been a model of global security for over 70 years; and

21           WHEREAS, Today, United States and United Kingdom troops  
22        equip, train, fight, and recuperate together. Several hundred United  
23        Kingdom personnel are stationed in the United States, including many  
24        British military officers working alongside United States military at  
25       Colorado's military bases; and

26           WHEREAS, United States-United Kingdom research partnerships  
27        remain critical, with collaborations resulting in 26 Nobel prizes for  
28        science and economics. Most recently, United Kingdom-Colorado  
29        research collaboration has focused on innovation in renewable energy and  
30       in the "Internet of Things"; and

31           WHEREAS, The United States and the United Kingdom continue  
32        to build stronger academic ties, with every year roughly 50,000 American  
33        students studying in the United Kingdom, and around 11,000 British  
34        students studying in the United States, and Colorado's higher education  
35       institutions are significant contributors to this relationship; and

1           WHEREAS, The United Kingdom and United States continue to  
2 influence one another through excellence in film, music, fine art, and  
3 literature, all of which has been on display in Colorado's various arts and  
4 cultural venues, including the Denver Art Museum and the Colorado  
5 Shakespeare Festival; and

6           WHEREAS, The United Kingdom views Colorado as a key  
7 partner and has established a permanent presence in the state through its  
8 United Kingdom Government Office, which seeks to build and strengthen  
9 business, economic, political, and research ties between Colorado and the  
10 United Kingdom; now, therefore,

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

13           That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,  
14 officially recognize, honor, and celebrate the special relationship between  
15 the United Kingdom and Colorado, which is built upon a strong  
16 foundation of business, economic, political, academic, research, cultural,  
17 and historic ties.

18           *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
19 to Governor John Hickenlooper, Colorado's Congressional Delegation,  
20 Mayor Michael Hancock, the British Embassy in Washington, D.C., the  
21 British Consulate-General in Chicago, the United Kingdom Government  
22 Office in Denver, the World Trade Center Denver, Broomfield Sister  
23 Cities, City of Evans Sister Cities, Greeley Sister Cities, Center for  
24 British and Irish Studies at the University of Colorado, and the British  
25 Motorcycle Association of Colorado.