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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-012**

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

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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.