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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Roberts,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees

House Committees

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-024

101 **CONCERNING THE REMEMBRANCE OF UTE HISTORY IN COLORADO,**
102 **AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, HONORING THE CULTURE AND**
103 **HERITAGE OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE AND THE UTE**
104 **MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE.**

1 WHEREAS, The original inhabitants of North America, American
2 Indians, have played a unique and distinguished role in our nation's
3 history and culture through vital contributions to government, medicine,
4 education, religion, architecture, environment, and the military; and

5 WHEREAS, The Ute Tribes are a confederation of seven bands:
6 Moache, Capote, Weeminuche, Tabeguache, White River, Yampa, and
7 Uintah bands that make up three tribal nations today; and

8 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado recognizes its oldest

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Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 continuous residents, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of Ignacio, Colorado,
2 and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe of Towaoc, Colorado; and

3 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado recognizes the key role to the
4 history of this state that the Ute Nations have provided and continue to
5 provide; and

6 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado continues to support the two
7 Colorado Ute Tribes in their own efforts to increase public safety,
8 education, health care, and economic development on their reservations
9 while strengthening our state and tribal government-to-government
10 relationship; and

11 WHEREAS, The Ute Tribes, History Colorado Center, and the
12 Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs established a precedent-setting
13 state burial protocol that addresses the cultural sensitivities and awareness
14 when dealing with Native American human remains; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the Southern
16 Ute Indian Tribe are the largest employers of both Montezuma, La Plata,
17 and Archuleta counties along with holdings on the eastern slope of
18 Colorado and throughout the nation; and

19 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado honors the contributions and
20 sovereignty of both the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the Southern Ute
21 Indian Tribe and encourages its citizens to actively seek knowledge about
22 the history and heritage of the Ute people in this state, past, present, and
23 future; now, therefore,

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

26 (1) That we, the members of the General Assembly, celebrate and
27 honor the rich and storied heritage of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and
28 Ute Mountain Ute Tribe who have called Colorado and its neighboring
29 states home since time immemorial; and

30 (2) That we endeavor to maintain strong, respectful relations
31 between Colorado's state and local governments and the sovereign Indian
32 nations with whom we share this state.

33 *Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent*

1 to Governor John Hickenlooper; Lieutenant Governor Joseph Garcia;
2 Chairman Manuel Heart, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe; and Chairman Clement
3 Frost, Southern Ute Indian Tribe.