



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 11-051

BY SENATOR(S) Carroll, Guzman, Newell, Spence, Williams S., Aguilar, Bacon, Boyd, Brophy, Cadman, Foster, Giron, Grantham, Harvey, Heath, Hodge, Hudak, Jahn, Johnston, King K., King S., Lambert, Lundberg, Morse, Nicholson, Renfroe, Roberts, Scheffel, Schwartz, Shaffer B., Steadman, Tochtrop, White;

also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Fields, Acree, Balmer, Conti, Ryden, Swalm, Todd, Barker, Baumgardner, Becker, Beezley, Bradford, Brown, Casso, Coram, Court, DelGrosso, Duran, Ferrandino, Fischer, Gardner B., Gardner D., Gerou, Hamner, Holbert, Hullinghorst, Jones, Joshi, Kagan, Kefalas, Kerr A., Kerr J., Labuda, Lee, Levy, Looper, Massey, McCann, McKinley, Miklosi, Murray, Nikkel, Pabon, Pace, Peniston, Priola, Ramirez, Riesberg, Schafer S., Scott, Solano, Sonnenberg, Soper, Stephens, Summers, Swerdfeger, Szabo, Tyler, Vaad, Vigil, Waller, Williams A., Wilson, McNulty.

CONCERNING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ARAPAHOE COUNTY.

WHEREAS, November 1, 2011, will mark the 150th anniversary of Arapahoe County's existence as a county in Colorado, and throughout 2011 Arapahoe County will celebrate this milestone; and

WHEREAS, Arapahoe County is named for the Arapaho Indians, who occupied much of eastern Colorado prior to its statehood; and

WHEREAS, When it was first created by the legislature of the Kansas Territory on August 25, 1855, Arapahoe County encompassed nearly half of what is now the state of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, In 1858, the discovery of gold in present-day Englewood in Arapahoe County initiated the Pike's Peak Gold Rush, which brought an influx of settlers to the region; and

WHEREAS, After Colorado became a United States Territory in 1861, the Colorado Territorial Assembly designated Arapahoe County as one of the 17 original counties in the Territory of Colorado on November 1, 1861; and

WHEREAS, From 1861 to 1902, Arapahoe County was 30 miles from north to south and stretched from what is now Sheridan Boulevard to the Kansas state border, with Denver serving as the county seat; and

WHEREAS, Of the first three women elected to the Colorado General Assembly, two of them, Clara Cressingham and Frances S. Klock, represented Arapahoe County during the 1895 and 1896 legislative sessions; and

WHEREAS, State legislation in the early 1900s divided Arapahoe County into the City and County of Denver and the Counties of Adams, Washington, Yuma, and South Arapahoe; and

WHEREAS, In 1903, the General Assembly restored the name of the county to Arapahoe County, and the following year the voters of the county selected Littleton as the new county seat; and

WHEREAS, Throughout its history, Arapahoe County has supported a variety of businesses and industries, including mining, grazing, farming, retail, and manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, Today, Arapahoe County's 806 square miles include a variety of urban and rural landscapes; a fast-growing population of over 560,000 people; diverse economic activity at the Denver Tech Center and Centennial Airport, among other noted institutions; recreational opportunities at Cherry Creek State Park and numerous other parks; and the United States Armed Forces at Buckley Air Force Base; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That we hereby recognize the year 2011 as the 150th anniversary of Arapahoe County, Colorado's first county, and congratulate the county as

it embarks on its next 150 years of history.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Arapahoe County Commissioners Rod Bockenfeld, Nancy N. Sharpe, Susan Beckman, Nancy Jackson, and Frank Weddig; Arapahoe County Clerk and Recorder Nancy Doty; Arapahoe County Sheriff J. Grayson Robinson; Arapahoe County Coroner Dr. Michael Dobersen; Arapahoe County Attorney Kathryn Schroeder; Arapahoe County Treasurer Sue Sandstrom; Arapahoe County Assessor Corbin Sakdol; Aurora Mayor Ed Tauer; Bow Mar Mayor Rick Pilgrim; Bennett Mayor Sue Horn; Centennial Mayor Cathy Noon; Cherry Hills Village Mayor Michael J. Wozniak; Columbine Valley Mayor Gale Christy; Deer Trail Mayor Frank Fields; Englewood Mayor Jim Woodward; Foxfield Mayor Doug Headley; Glendale Mayor Larry Harte; Greenwood Village Mayor Ron Rakowsky; Littleton Mayor Doug Clark; and Sheridan Mayor Dallas Hall.

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