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HOUSE RESOLUTION 18-1004

101      **CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF THE URGENT AND IMMEDIATE NEED**  
102           **FOR CONGRESS TO PASS A PERMANENT LEGISLATIVE SOLUTION**  
103           **THAT SUPPORTS POLICIES AND AN IMMIGRATION SYSTEM THAT**  
104           **WILL POSITIVELY IMPACT DREAMERS.**

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1           WHEREAS, Dreamers, after the federal "DREAM Act", play a  
2           vital role in our national, state, and local economies; and

3           WHEREAS, In the United States, there are 800,000 Dreamers,  
4           with over 95% who are either working or in school, contributing to our  
5           communities and economy; and

6           WHEREAS, There are 17,300 Deferred Action for Childhood  
7           Arrivals (DACA) recipients in Colorado who came to the United States  
8           as children, and their futures have been at risk since DACA was rescinded  
9           in September 2017; and

10          WHEREAS, According to several surveys, the majority of the  
11          American public overwhelmingly supports giving Dreamers the chance  
12          to stay permanently in this country; and

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

1           WHEREAS, Colorado risks an annual GDP loss of \$856.9 million  
2 if Dreamers are no longer guaranteed the right to work and study in the  
3 state; and

4           WHEREAS, The Colorado House of Representatives believes that  
5 tax dollars should be used efficiently on sensible border security and not  
6 on deporting Dreamers who have been living peacefully in our  
7 communities; and

8           WHEREAS, Families should be kept together because they are the  
9 basic unit of society and should not live in fear of being separated from  
10 their loved ones; and

11           WHEREAS, The Colorado House of Representatives supports an  
12 immigration system and policies that encourage opportunities and  
13 positively impact our economy and recognizes that Dreamers help to  
14 grow the economy; now, therefore,

15           *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-first*  
16 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

17           (1) That members of the Colorado House of Representatives stand  
18 by the economic and cultural contributions that DACA recipients, as well  
19 as Dreamers who were left out of the program, have made for the people  
20 of Colorado;

21           (2) That members of the Colorado House of Representatives  
22 recognize that the possibility of Dreamers losing their work authorization  
23 and deportation protections would have devastating and far-reaching  
24 job-loss consequences for all Americans; and

25           (3) That members of the Colorado House of Representatives urge  
26 Colorado's congressional delegation to support efforts to immediately find  
27 a collaborative and rational approach to passing a permanent legislative  
28 solution that allows Dreamers to secure legal status.

29           *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Resolution be sent to  
30 Colorado's congressional delegation.