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HOUSE RESOLUTION 19-1007

101 **CONCERNING THE APPROVAL BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF**
102 **THE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENT OF LUIS TORO TO THE**
103 **INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION.**

1 WHEREAS, Section 5 (2)(a)(II) of article XXIX of the state
2 constitution provides that one member of the Independent Ethics
3 Commission created in section 5 (1) of that article, hereafter referred to
4 as the "Commission", shall be appointed by the House of Representatives,
5 and section 24-18.5-101 (2)(a), Colorado Revised Statutes, provides that
6 said appointment shall be made by the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives with the approval of two-thirds of the members elected
8 to the House; and

9 WHEREAS, Pursuant to such authority, Speaker K.C. Becker
10 appoints Luis Toro to the Independent Ethics Commission to succeed
11 Commissioner April Jones upon the conclusion of her term; and

12 WHEREAS, The Speaker makes such appointment based on, and
13 in recognition of, Mr. Toro's outstanding qualifications, his unique
14 knowledge and experience in the field of ethics, and his demonstrated
15 integrity and leadership; 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, Mr. Toro, designated as an unaffiliated elector, is a
2 licensed attorney in Colorado and is currently a Senior Assistant City
3 Attorney for the City of Boulder; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Toro was previously associated with Colorado
5 Ethics Watch, a well-recognized ethics advocacy group committed to
6 safeguarding compliance with Colorado's campaign finance and ethics
7 laws; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Toro was an effective advocate at Colorado
9 Ethics Watch for nearly a decade, dedicating himself to ensuring
10 transparency and accountability at both the state and local government
11 levels in Colorado; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Toro capably guided the strategic direction of
13 Colorado Ethics Watch as its Senior Counsel and Executive Director until
14 its closure at the end of 2017; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Toro has dedicated himself to many other
16 laudable endeavors for the benefit of the citizens of Colorado including
17 the advancement of Latino leadership in Colorado through his
18 participation as a Fellow at the Latino Leadership Institute at the
19 University of Denver; through his service as a member of the Board of
20 Directors of the Colorado Freedom of Information Coalition, a
21 nonpartisan organization dedicated to ensuring the transparency of state
22 and local governments in Colorado by promoting freedom of the press,
23 open courts, and open access to government records and meetings;
24 through his service as a member of the Board of Directors of the
25 NEWSED Community Development Corporation whose focus is to
26 promote the economic success of underserved populations in the Denver
27 metropolitan area through community development with an emphasis on
28 affordable housing, small businesses, and asset creation; and as a member
29 of the Advisory Board of Directors of the Colorado Lawyer Chapter,
30 American Constitution Society, a progressive legal network that strives
31 to ensure that the constitution and the law work for all people by
32 empowering leaders and informing discourse; and

33 WHEREAS, On the basis of his unique knowledge of and
34 experience in the field of ethics and his demonstrated dedication to
35 ensuring compliance with the highest ethical standards in government and
36 his service to minority and underserved populations in Colorado, Luis

1 Toro has demonstrated the qualifications that will allow him to serve in
2 an exemplary manner as a respected member of the Commission and in
3 a way that will reflect well upon the House of Representatives, the
4 Colorado General Assembly, and the State of Colorado; now, therefore,

5 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
6 *Seventy-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

7 That the House of Representatives hereby approves Speaker K.C.
8 Becker's appointment of Luis Toro to the Independent Ethics Commission
9 for a four-year term commencing July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2023.

10 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this House Resolution be
11 sent to the Chair of the Independent Ethics Commission April Jones.