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### **SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20-002**

101 CONCERNING THE SUPPORT OF THE "I LOVE U GUYS" FOUNDATION.

- WHEREAS, The "I Love U Guys" foundation was created in 2006
   by Ellen and John-Michael Keyes following the death of their daughter,
- 3 Emily Keyes, during a school shooting at Platte Canyon High School in
- 4 Bailey, Colorado; and
- 5 WHEREAS, During the time Emily Keyes was held hostage, she 6 sent her parents a text message that said "I love u guys"; and
- WHEREAS, In honor of Emily Keyes' kindness, dignity, and
  grace, her parents established the "I Love U Guys" foundation to advance
  student and school safety; and
- WHEREAS, In 2009 the foundation began developing programs
  and initiatives to increase school safety, as well as the supporting

SENATE Final Reading January 24, 2020 materials necessary to advance those programs, including standard
 response protocols, training, and informational presentations; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the foundation and its school safety programs is to protect the joy of youth by focusing on kindness, community, and responsibility, both at the individual and community levels; and

WHEREAS, To that end, in collaboration with experts in the fields
of education, law enforcement, emergency response, and psychology, the
foundation has developed research and evidence-based real-world
solutions that can be brought to the classroom to facilitate school and
community safety and promote family reunification following a crisis;
and

WHEREAS, The foundation's programs have been implemented by over 25,000 schools, agencies, and organizations across the United States and Canada, and the foundation hosts two yearly national school safety symposiums that focus on proactive, considered, and effective methods of keeping schools safe; now, therefore,

18 Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-second General 19 Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives 20 concurring herein:

That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, support the mission of the "I Love U Guys" foundation and the invaluable programs the foundation works to implement to promote the advancement of school safety and to preserve the joy of youth.