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State Board of Education

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**Resolution Recognizing the Contribution Commissioner Robert K.
Hammond has Made to Education Reform in Colorado**

- WHEREAS: Robert Hammond came to the Colorado Department of Education in 2008 as Deputy Commissioner of Administration and Operations; and,
- WHEREAS: He was noted for his effective, consistent, visionary and supportive leadership and thus he was given increasing responsibilities at the Department; and,
- WHEREAS: Mr. Hammond was appointed as the interim commissioner in December 2010 while the Colorado State Board of Education conducted a national search for a new Commissioner of Education; and,
- WHEREAS: The Colorado State Board of Education requested that he submit his name for consideration for the position of Commissioner of Education; and,
- WHEREAS: The Colorado State Board of Education unanimously selected Robert K. Hammond as the Commissioner of Education in May 2011; and,
- WHEREAS: The Commissioner was charged with implementing several major education improvement programs throughout the state based on laws passed by the Colorado Legislature, signed by the Governor and as appropriate, detailed in Colorado State Board of Education rules; and,
- WHEREAS: The Commissioner recruited and retained one of the nation's strongest leadership teams to lead the agency through the process of developing the new education initiatives in collaboration with school districts across the state and other stakeholders; and,
- WHEREAS: The Commissioner has been deeply committed to providing districts the most useful supports and services from all

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offices at CDE, he has transitioned the department from one that focused primarily on compliance to one of service and support thus prompting many superintendents to respond to the Commissioner's annual evaluation survey with words of high praise and appreciation; and,

WHEREAS: Through his focus on serving the state's 178 districts, the department was able to effectively implement new academic standards, new assessments, a new educator evaluation system, a new accountability system and a new early literacy law in accordance with the timelines and requirements outlined in state law; and,

WHEREAS: The Commissioner's dedication to fiscal accountability improved the department's practices and brought trust and respect from the U.S. Department of Education regarding the department's federal compliance; and,

WHEREAS: The department became highly regarded for its expertise, support and service to schools and districts across the state; and,

WHEREAS: A collaborative and supportive relationship was established with a broad group of stakeholders throughout the state including businesses, foundations and non-profit organizations; and,

WHEREAS: Education leaders across the state praised the Commissioner for his leadership, accessibility and courage to seek out diverse opinions in order to make the best decisions for students and communities; and,

WHEREAS: State legislators gave public recognition to the Commissioner for his strength of leadership, credibility and high ethical standards in making sound policy recommendations to lawmakers; and,

WHEREAS: His service on various commissions, boards and executive leadership groups, among them the PARCC governing board, the Council of Chief State School Officers and Colorado Creative Industries Council, was a tribute to his peers' recognition of his quality leadership, ethical standards, problem-solving abilities, collaborative skills and credibility across leadership groups around the nation;



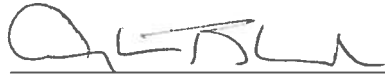
Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED: The Colorado State Board of Education formally commends Robert K. Hammond for his outstanding service as Colorado Commissioner of Education, his indefatigable efforts to increase academic achievement, champion academic civil rights for all students and develop continuous improvement systems to benefit all educators, students, parents and communities across Colorado.

DATED THIS 10th DAY OF JUNE, 2015



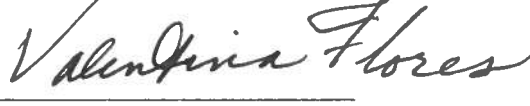
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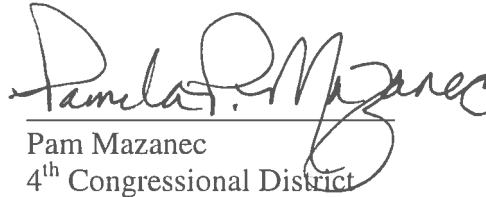
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