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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 06-028

101 **CONCERNING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1956 HUNGARIAN**
102 **REVOLUTION FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY.**

1 WHEREAS, Following World War II, the Soviet Union occupied
2 Hungary and forced an anti-democratic and brutal government upon the
3 people of Hungary; and

4 WHEREAS, On October 23, 1956, Hungarian Freedom Fighters,
5 the *TIME Magazine* 1956 "Man of the Year", took up arms in Hungary
6 to establish a democratic government and free the people of Hungary
7 from oppression by ending the political and economic domination by the
8 communist government and the Soviet Union; and

9 WHEREAS, The people of Hungary fought valiantly but alone,
10 and in the course of the uprising thousands gave their lives, thousands
11 were imprisoned, and over 150,000 escaped, many to the United States,
12 including Colorado; and

13 WHEREAS, The brave Hungarians in 1956 were the first to rebel
14 against the totalitarian and oppressive communist government, and their
15 sacrifices exposed the weaknesses of the communist system; and

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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1 WHEREAS, The Hungarians in 1989 were again instrumental in
2 the collapse of communism as they dismantled the Iron Curtain and
3 allowed the East Germans to leave eastern Europe through Hungary,
4 actions that eventually led to the fall of the Berlin Wall; and

5 WHEREAS, The sacrifices of the Hungarians in 1956 were not in
6 vain, as they ultimately led to the collapse of most of the communist
7 systems of the world and freedom for hundreds of millions of people; and

8 WHEREAS, The Colorado general assembly supports the current
9 efforts of people of all nations to assert the right of self-determination and
10 other basic human rights for which the Hungarian people bravely fought
11 in 1956; and

12 WHEREAS, October 23, 2006, is the 50th anniversary of the
13 ultimately successful uprising of the people of Hungary, which still serves
14 as an example that sacrifices must be made for freedom and democracy;
15 now, therefore,

16 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly of*
17 *the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

18 (1) That the Colorado general assembly recognizes and commends
19 the people of Hungary for their sacrifices for freedom and democracy,
20 and therefore it is fitting and appropriate to proclaim October 23, 2006,
21 as "Hungarian Freedom Fighters' Day" in the state of Colorado.

22 (2) That the Colorado general assembly encourages the Governor
23 to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the state of Colorado
24 to observe "Hungarian Freedom Fighters' Day" with appropriate
25 ceremonies and activities.

26 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
27 to Eugene F. Megyesy, to each member of the Colorado congressional
28 delegation, Governor Bill Owens, the Honorable George H. Walker,
29 United States Ambassador to Hungary, and the Honorable Andras
30 Simonyi, the Ambassador of Hungary to the United States.