



**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 97-1020**

**BY REPRESENTATIVES Adkins, Hagedorn, Kaufman, Keller, Leyba, Nichol, Pfiffner, Reeser, Schwarz, Snyder, and Udall; also SENATORS Wham, Blickensderfer, Norton, and Pascoe.**

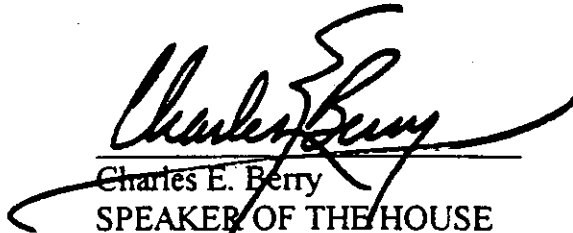
**WHEREAS, The General Assembly of the State of Colorado finds and declares that it is in the public interest of this state that citizens be able to resolve civil disputes without having to resort to litigation; and**


**WHEREAS, Much time and money could be saved, the courts would be more accessible, and the public would be better served if the Judicial Department and the courts in each judicial district would fully utilize the practices permitted and promoted by the "Dispute Resolution Act", part 3 of article 22 of title 13, Colorado Revised Statutes; now, therefore,**

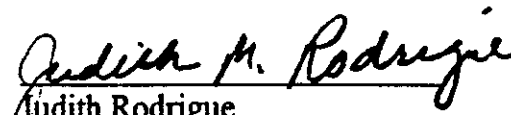
***Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-first General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:***


**That the General Assembly of the State of Colorado encourages the Judicial Department and the courts in each judicial district to find ways and procedures to expand the use of the "Dispute Resolution Act" and to find and use other techniques and programs that will permit and encourage the resolution of disputes without the necessity for litigation.**

*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court, the State Court Administrator, the chief judge of each judicial district in the state, and the court administrator of each judicial district in the state.

  
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