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3 Resolution in support of Initiative 121 concerning limited gaming and funding for Community  
4 Colleges

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6 Whereas, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE) is deeply concerned with the  
7 financial health of the state's community colleges and local district colleges; and

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9 Whereas, Initiative 121 is proposed for a vote of the people on the November 2008 ballot; and

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11 Whereas, Initiative 121 would enable the three cities where casino gambling is already permitted  
12 to vote on whether to extend the hours, games and betting limits for casino operations in their  
13 jurisdictions; and

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15 Whereas, any decisions by the voters in those three cities to expand gaming would result in  
16 additional gaming tax revenues, with 78% of such additional revenues to be distributed to the  
17 state's community colleges and local district colleges for financial aid and instructional  
18 programs; and

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20 Whereas, the CCHE invited and heard testimony favoring and opposing Initiative 121 at its  
21 meeting on June 5, 2008; and

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23 Whereas, the CCHE is mindful of the substantial increase in funding for the state's community  
24 colleges and local district colleges that may accrue from passage of Initiative 121; and

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26 Whereas, the CCHE is permitted under state statute to express its support of or opposition to  
27 ballot measures such as Initiative 121;

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29 NOW, THEREFORE, the Colorado Commission on Higher Education does express its support  
30 for Initiative 121 in being placed on the November 2008 ballot and in being approved by the  
31 People of the State of Colorado.