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## BOULDER COUNTY JUDICIAL PROCESS

**HON. PATRICIA SCHROEDER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, June 29, 1984*

● Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce today, on behalf of the Colorado congressional delegation, a bill to authorize holding U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado in Boulder, CO. I am joined by the Congressman from Boulder County, Representative TIMOTHY WIRTH.

By amending 28 U.S.C. 85 to add the city of Boulder to the other Colorado cities where Federal court can convene would make the judicial process more accessible to the citizens of Boulder County. The U.S. district court in Denver frequently hears cases in which all or most of the parties, as well as the jurors, are from Boulder County.

Moreover, The University of Colorado Fleming School of Law is located in Boulder. This amendment would provide the students and faculty at the school an easy opportunity to view the Federal district court in action.

The moot courtroom located in Boulder could host an occasional trial or motion hearing at no or low cost. The dean of the law school, eager to see this bill become law, views this use of the courtroom as an excellent teaching tool. Law students could see Federal court in action and learn the procedures and the arguments used by the lawyers.

Under extraordinary circumstances and with prior consent, one trial was recently held in Boulder. It was well attended by the students. Both the presiding Federal judge and the law school dean were pleased with the turnout and suggested making this a regular occurrence.

The Judicial Conference of the United States noted in their March 16-17, 1983, report that H.R. 6974 (the original bill introduced during the 97th Congress) was approved by both the judicial council of the 10th circuit and the district court. Upon the recommendation of the committee, the Conference approved the purpose to be served by any successor bill.

This legislation is a simple, no cost idea that will have tremendous teaching value for Colorado's aspiring law students, and will make the judicial system more convenient for the people of Boulder County.●