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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-1010**

**101 CONCERNING THE DEFENSE INDUSTRY IN COLORADO.**

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1        WHEREAS, The military and defense-related industry in Colorado  
2        are a vital resource for our nation, helping to develop and operate national  
3        and international capabilities, such as the Global Positioning System, Air  
4        Force Satellite Control Network, and key weather satellites; and

5        WHEREAS, The military and defense-related industry accounts  
6        for \$27 billion of Colorado's economy on an annual basis and is the third-  
7        largest employer in Colorado, tied with the agricultural industry; and

8        WHEREAS, Colorado's continued leadership in defense  
9        technology crosses numerous sectors to include space, cyber, aerospace,  
10      and missile defense; and

11      WHEREAS, Employment in defense-related industry can be found

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1       across all regions of the Centennial State, and the industry provides  
2       high-paying, technically-oriented employment to thousands of  
3       Coloradans; and

4           WHEREAS, Numerous defense technologies, such as the internet  
5       and Global Positioning Systems, have become beneficial tools used for  
6       financial transactions, cell phone applications, and myriad products, from  
7       the mundane to the life-saving; and

8           WHEREAS, Satellite imagery, developed as a defense technology,  
9       is used every day in community planning, flood plain mapping, real estate  
10      transactions, and navigation; and

11          WHEREAS, Technology developed through the Ballistic Missile  
12       Defense Organization in the 1980s is now used to purify water, sterilize  
13       medical products, preserve food, and power heart defibrillators; and

14          WHEREAS, Radiation-hardened accelerometers developed for  
15       missile defense are now used in both oil drilling and air bags found in  
16       automobiles; and

17          WHEREAS, These examples represent a small sample of the  
18       positive impact that these defense technologies and the companies that  
19       produce them bring to Colorado; now, therefore,

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

22           (1) That we, the members of the Seventy-first General Assembly,  
23       hereby recognize the positive impact that the military and defense-related  
24       industry has had on the Centennial State; and

25           (2) That we encourage the continued growth of the military and  
26       defense-related industry in Colorado.

27           *Be it Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
28       to Governor John W. Hickenlooper, the U.S. Secretary of Defense, the  
29       U.S. Secretary of the Army, the U.S. Secretary of the Navy, the U.S.  
30       Secretary of the Air Force, and Colorado's Congressional delegation.