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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20-012

101 **CONCERNING HONORING COLORADO VETERANS ON THE**
102 **SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II.**

1 WHEREAS, During the years 1941 to 1945, some 250,000 of
2 Colorado's sons and daughters served in World War II, and of that
3 number, over 3,500 were killed in action or from wounds suffered on the
4 battlefield; and

5 WHEREAS, Of the 3,586 Coloradans who gave the last full
6 measure of devotion, offering their lives so that others might live freely,
7 over half never came home, their remains unrecovered or buried in
8 American military cemeteries around the world; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of Colorado has a rich history of service in
10 World War II as home of the famed 10th Mountain Division, which

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1 trained in the Colorado Rockies at Camp Hale on Tennessee Pass, and the
2 Colorado National Guard's 157th Infantry Regiment, which spent 511
3 days in continuous combat during World War II, including four
4 amphibious landings. Under the command of Captain Felix Sparks, the
5 157th Infantry Regiment liberated the Dachau concentration camp.
6 Members of both units from Colorado are honored on the Colorado
7 Freedom Memorial in Aurora.

8 WHEREAS, The Colorado Freedom Memorial, dedicated in 2013,
9 honors all Colorado veterans killed in action since the Spanish-American
10 War, and all 3,586 of those killed in World War II are included, making
11 the Colorado Freedom Memorial the only memorial in Colorado to honor
12 all of our fallen, by name, in one place; and

13 WHEREAS, The Colorado Freedom Memorial will pay tribute to
14 the men and women of Colorado who served in World War II, those who
15 gave all, and those who returned home to build Colorado into the
16 beautiful state it is today with a special ceremony dedicated to the greatest
17 generation; now, therefore,

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

21 That we, the General Assembly, in recognition of the heroic efforts
22 and great sacrifice of World War II veterans from Colorado and across
23 the United States, hereby recognize this commemoration of the 75th
24 anniversary of the end of World War II as Colorado's official ceremony
25 and encourage support throughout the House and Senate.