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HOUSE RESOLUTION 26-1007

101 CONCERNING COLORADO'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY.

1 WHEREAS, Amid America's anniversary era, aspiring
2 agriculturalists across altitude-blessed valleys advanced abundant apples,
3 apricots, and award-winning agriculture that amplified Colorado's
4 acclaim; and

5 WHEREAS, Blessed by broad basins, blue skies, and bold
6 builders, Colorado became a beacon for brave pioneers and bustling
7 businesses, while bestowing on our nation the patriotic song "America the
8 Beautiful", inspired by Pikes Peak; and

9 WHEREAS, Courageous Coloradans cultivated communities
10 characterized by cooperation, constitutional commitment, civic liberty,
11 and comity;

12 WHEREAS, Diverse districts stretching from the dramatic
13 foothills of Longs Peak to the dynamic Dolores River demonstrated the
14 depth and diversity of Colorado's land and livelihoods; and

15 WHEREAS, Enterprising entrepreneurs established an exceptional

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1 economic environment, earning exalted honors at international
2 expositions, such as the 1893 Chicago World's Fair and the 1904 St.
3 Louis World's Fair; and

4 WHEREAS, Faithful followers established Colorado's oldest
5 missions in the San Luis Valley and founded flourishing fellowships, full
6 of freedom, fortitude, and forgiveness, throughout the state; and

7 WHEREAS, Grand geographic gifts, including the Grand Mesa
8 and the great red rock gateways of the Colorado National Monument,
9 grant generations inspiration and grandeur; and

10 WHEREAS, Hardworking, honest, and heartland-minded residents
11 of rural Colorado honor heritage, home, and hope for future generations,
12 as well as the sacrifice of Congressional Medal of Honor recipients who
13 are housed in Pueblo's "Home of Heroes"; and

14 WHEREAS, Innovation, industry, and ingenuity-from irrigation
15 to aerospace initiatives-illustrate Colorado's influential identity; and

16 WHEREAS, Justly judging history, Colorado stalwartly jilted the
17 injustice of Japanese American internment, advancing awareness to avoid
18 such affronts again, while also joyfully preserving Johnstown's meteorite
19 in Denver's Museum of Nature and Science; and

20 WHEREAS, Known for keystone military installations and
21 knowledge, Colorado keeps watch over our nation through courageous
22 service members and their kin; and

23 WHEREAS, Local leaders in Larkspur, Lyons, and Larimer
24 Square lift lively communities and lasting legacies across the state; and

25 WHEREAS, The Manitou Incline and Mount Blue Sky are only
26 two of the mountainous opportunities made available to Colorado's many
27 meanderers, who used to be greeted by the Mizpah Arch; and

28 WHEREAS, Native tribes, like the Arapaho, Cheyenne, Southern
29 Ute, and Ute Mountain Ute, nurture heritage in nature, needlework, and
30 oral tradition; and

31 WHEREAS, Ongoing observations of Orthohantavirus and other
32 outbreaks obligate officials to promote awareness, action, and adaptive

1 health measures; and

2 WHEREAS, The Preamble to the Colorado Constitution honors
3 the profound Judeo-Christian roots that have guided Colorado's history
4 and values that acknowledge the inherent worth of all people, stating:
5 "We, the people of Colorado, with profound reverence for the Supreme
6 Ruler of the Universe, in order to form a more independent and perfect
7 government; establish justice; insure tranquillity; provide for the common
8 defense; promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty
9 to ourselves and our posterity..."; and

10 WHEREAS, Communities, like the Queen City of the Plains, have
11 been quilted together over time, cherishing quiet quarters, quintessential
12 festivals, and quick Colorado-based food like Qdoba, Quiznos, and Jack
13 Quinn's; and

14 WHEREAS, Rivers, reservoirs, and rugged rangelands reinforce
15 recreation, resources that include rhodochrosite, and resilient rural life,
16 including rodeo as a recognized and revered summer sport; and

17 WHEREAS, Strong schools, small shops, and service-minded
18 citizens strengthen Colorado's social success; and

19 WHEREAS, Trails, towns, treasured traditions, and even tourist
20 trains tell the timeless story of Colorado, as do Allen Tupper True's
21 paintings; and

22 WHEREAS, Unique Colorado universities offer unforgettable
23 experiences and unite generations around sports, science, and studies; and

24 WHEREAS, Vibrant valleys volunteer to vault lark buntings,
25 columbines, claret cup cacti, and Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep; and

26 WHEREAS, When Colorado water wanders through the
27 wilderness and down the Continental Divide, it widens the opportunity
28 for Western expansion in Colorado and beyond; and

29 WHEREAS, Xenial hospitality-extraordinary kindness extended
30 to explorers, expats, and excited newcomers-expresses the generous
31 character of Coloradans; and

32 WHEREAS, Year after year, youthful yearning and yielding

1 innovation yoke generations together while affirming the importance of
2 preparedness in uncertain times; and

3 WHEREAS, Zealous defense of fundamental freedoms, along with
4 foundational principles rooted in faith, freedom, and enduring moral
5 tradition, underscores Colorado's commitment to liberty as it celebrates
6 one hundred fifty years of statehood; now, therefore,

7 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth*
8 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

9 (1) That we honor the generations of Coloradans whose courage,
10 industry, faith, and devotion to self-government transformed a rugged
11 frontier into a thriving state and whose example continues to inspire the
12 preservation of freedom for future generations;

13 (2) That, as symbolized by our famous, towering,
14 fourteen-thousand-foot peaks, the people of Colorado are encouraged to
15 continue striving toward the highest ideals of freedom, responsibility, and
16 civic virtue;

17 (3) That we call upon all citizens of Colorado to commemorate
18 this historic milestone with gratitude for the blessings of liberty, humility
19 before Providence, and renewed dedication to the principles that have
20 guided the state since its founding in 1876; and

21 (4) That we commit to preserving Colorado for future generations
22 by, among other things, promoting Colorado history and civic education,
23 strengthening infrastructure to protect against future threats or
24 emergencies, and encouraging the making of another one hundred fifty
25 years of colorful Colorado history.

26 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this House Resolution be
27 sent to President Donald J. Trump; United States Representatives
28 DeGette, Neguse, Hurd, Boebert, Crank, Crow, Pettersen, and Evans;
29 United States Senators Bennet and Hickenlooper; Governor Jared Polis;
30 History Colorado; and the Colorado State Archives.