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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

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, penned
3 in three tongues, honors the profound Judeo-Christian roots that have
4 guided Colorado's history and values, promoting the preciousness of
5 people no matter their personality, stating: "We, the people of Colorado,
6 with profound reverence for the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, in order
7 to form a more independent and perfect government; establish justice;
8 insure tranquillity; provide for the common defense; promote the general
9 welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our
10 posterity..."; and

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

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

18 WHEREAS, Strong schools, small shops, such as those in Stanley
19 Market, and service-minded citizens strengthen Colorado's social success;
20 and

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

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

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

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

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

1 WHEREAS, Year after year, youthful yearning and yielding
2 innovation yoke generations together while affirming the importance of
3 preparedness in uncertain times; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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