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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 25-1010**

101 **CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF MILITARY, VETERANS, AND POW/MIA**  
102 **APPRECIATION DAY.**

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1           WHEREAS, Colorado has a proud and distinguished history of  
2 dedicated military service by men and women whose courage, heroism,  
3 and sacrifice preserve the liberties and democratic way of life set forth in  
4 our state and federal constitutions; and

5           WHEREAS, Colorado is home to a significant number of military  
6 installations, including Fort Carson, the United States Air Force  
7 Academy, Buckley Space Force Base, Peterson Space Force Base,  
8 Schriever Space Force Base, and Cheyenne Mountain Space Force  
9 Station, that contribute not only to the national security of our nation but  
10 to the economic health of our state; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
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HOUSE  
Final Reading  
February 7, 2025

1           WHEREAS, Colorado benefits greatly from the presence and  
2 military service of the more than 47,000 men and women in our state who  
3 serve in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Marine  
4 Corps, and Coast Guard; the branch Reserves; the Colorado National  
5 Guard; and the Civil Air Patrol; and

6           WHEREAS, The service members of the Colorado National Guard  
7 have served in defense of our nation and as the first military responders  
8 in support of civil authorities during domestic emergencies and are  
9 celebrating their 165th anniversary this year; and

10           WHEREAS, In addition to active members of the United States  
11 Armed Services, Colorado is the proud home of more than 340,000  
12 military veterans who have served their country long and well and who  
13 bring great honor and distinction to the state. Colorado is home not only  
14 to active duty service personnel and veterans but also to the countless  
15 family members of these service members who display the same  
16 dedication, courage, and sacrifice; and

17           WHEREAS, We should never forget the uncommon sacrifices  
18 made for us by the service members from Colorado declared missing in  
19 action or prisoners of war while defending the principles of liberty and  
20 justice in conflicts around the world; and

21           WHEREAS, Disparate and diverse groups of Coloradans, such as  
22 persons who are African American, Native American, Latino or Latina,  
23 or Hispanic, in addition to men and women of all backgrounds, are bound  
24 together in the Armed Services by their selfless dedication to the spirit of  
25 our nation, the ideals of freedom and democracy, and the cause of  
26 democracy and stability around the globe; and

27           WHEREAS, In this time of conflict, it is particularly appropriate  
28 to recognize the Coloradans in all branches and components of the Armed  
29 Services who serve to protect the security and peace of our nation and  
30 other nations; now, therefore,

31           *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth*  
32 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

33           (1) That we, the members of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly,  
34 hereby extend our heartfelt gratitude to our state's veterans, past and  
35 present, to all members of the military currently serving in the Armed

1 Services, and to the family members of active duty personnel and  
2 veterans, and that we remember and honor prisoners of war and those  
3 missing in action from previous conflicts;

4 (2) That we express our continued partnership with and support  
5 of Fort Carson and maintain our strong commitment to supporting  
6 ongoing military training at the Mountain Post; and

7 (3) That we encourage the citizens of Colorado to join in the  
8 celebration of Colorado's Military, Veterans, and POW/MIA  
9 Appreciation Day, in recognition and honor of the thousands of fellow  
10 citizens in the military who protect and serve their communities, state,  
11 and country.

12 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
13 to President Donald J. Trump; Governor Jared Polis; Maj. Gen. Laura  
14 Clellan, Adjutant General of Colorado, Executive Director of the  
15 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; Carol Thomas, Commander  
16 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Colorado; the American  
17 Legion of Colorado; the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs; the United  
18 Veterans Coalition of Colorado; the Paralyzed Veterans of America  
19 Mountain States Chapter; the Broomfield Veterans Museum; the Wings  
20 Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum; and each member of  
21 Colorado's Congressional delegation.