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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 16-1003

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

1 WHEREAS, Colorado has a proud and distinguished history of
2 dedicated military service by men and women of this state whose courage,
3 heroism, and sacrifice preserve the liberties and democratic way of life set
4 forth in 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 Air Force Base, Peterson Air Force Base, Schriever
8 Air Force Base, and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, that
9 contribute not only to the national security of our nation but to the
10 economic health of our state; and

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 WHEREAS, Colorado benefits significantly from the presence and
2 military service of the more than 53,000 men and women in our state who
3 serve in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and
4 Coast Guard; the branch Reserves; the Colorado National Guard; and the
5 Civil Air Patrol; and

6 WHEREAS, The men and women 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 156th anniversary this year; and

10 WHEREAS, In times of conflict around the globe, it is particularly
11 appropriate to recognize the Coloradans in all branches and components
12 of the Armed Services who serve around the world to protect the security
13 and peace of our nation and other nations; and

14 WHEREAS, In addition to active members of the Armed Services,
15 Colorado is the proud home of more than 391,000 military veterans who
16 have served their country long and well and who bring great honor and
17 distinction to the state; and

18 WHEREAS, Colorado is home not only to active duty service
19 personnel and veterans but also to the countless family members of these
20 men and women who display the same dedication, courage, and sacrifice;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, We should also never forget the sacrifices made for
23 us by the 94 men from Colorado declared missing in action or prisoners
24 of war while defending the principles of liberty and justice in conflicts in
25 Korea, Laos, and Vietnam; now, therefore,

26 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventieth*
27 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

28 (1) That we, the members of the Seventieth General Assembly,
29 hereby extend our heartfelt gratitude to our state's veterans, past and
30 present, to all military men and women currently serving in the Armed
31 Services, and to the family members of active duty personnel and veterans
32 and that we remember and honor those prisoners of war and those missing
33 in action from previous conflicts;

34 (2) That we express our continued partnership with and support

1 of Fort Carson and maintain our strong commitment to supporting
2 ongoing military training at the Mountain Post; and

3 (3) That we encourage the citizens of Colorado to join in the
4 celebration of Colorado's Military, Veterans, and MIA/POW
5 Appreciation Day on January 29, 2016, in recognition and honor of the
6 thousands of fellow citizens in the military who protect and serve their
7 communities, state, and country.

8 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
9 to President Barack Obama; Governor John Hickenlooper; Lieutenant
10 General Michelle Johnson, Superintendent, United States Air Force
11 Academy; Major General H. Michael Edwards, Adjutant General of
12 Colorado; Major General Paul LaCamera, Commanding General, 4th
13 Infantry Division and Fort Carson; Colonel John Wagner, Commander of
14 the 460th Space Wing, Buckley Air Force Base; Colonel William J.
15 Liquori Jr., Commander, 50th Space Wing, Schriever Air Force Base;
16 Colonel John Shaw, Commander, 21st Space Wing, Peterson Air Force
17 Base; the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs; the United Veterans
18 Committee of Colorado; the Mountain States Chapter Paralyzed Veterans
19 of America; the American Legion Department of Colorado; the
20 Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Broomfield
21 Veterans Memorial Museum; the Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space
22 Museum; and each member of Colorado's Congressional delegation.