



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20-012

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The State of Colorado has a rich history of service in World War II as home of the famed 10th Mountain Division, which trained in the Colorado Rockies at Camp Hale on Tennessee Pass, and the Colorado National Guard's 157th Infantry Regiment, which spent 511

days in continuous combat during World War II, including four amphibious landings. Under the command of Captain Felix Sparks, the 157th Infantry Regiment liberated the Dachau concentration camp. Members of both units from Colorado are honored on the Colorado Freedom Memorial in Aurora.

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

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

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

That we, the General Assembly, in recognition of the heroic efforts and great sacrifice of World War II veterans from Colorado and across

the United States, hereby recognize this commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II as Colorado's official ceremony and encourage support throughout the House and Senate.

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