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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 21-1012

101 **CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF A SCULPTURE ON THE STATE**
102 **CAPITOL GROUNDS TO MEMORIALIZE MAJOR GENERAL**
103 **MAURICE ROSE.**

1 WHEREAS, The State Capitol and its grounds contain memorials
2 to the state's political past as well as memorabilia promoting the state's
3 natural environment and history of events, individuals, and ethnic groups;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, From time to time, proposals for gifts of art and
6 memorials are made to the state to be placed in the State Capitol or on its
7 grounds; and

8 WHEREAS, Section 24-82-108 (3)(h), Colorado Revised Statutes,
9 requires the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee to establish

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1 criteria and a procedure for the evaluation of proposals for gifts of
2 memorials for placement in the State Capitol or on its grounds; and

3 WHEREAS, The State Capitol Building Advisory Committee's
4 evaluation criteria for a memorial is based partly upon the association the
5 proposed memorial has with a significant event in the state's history, the
6 connection of the memorial with persons significant in the heritage of the
7 state, and its appropriateness to the designated area of the State Capitol;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, The procedure stipulates that, if the Capital
10 Development Committee concurs with the State Capitol Building
11 Advisory Committee's recommendations regarding the placement of
12 memorials on the State Capitol grounds, the Capital Development
13 Committee may make its recommendation for acceptance of the donated
14 art to the General Assembly in the form of a joint resolution introduced
15 during an annual legislative session; and

16 WHEREAS, Major General Maurice Rose was a Colorado resident
17 and national hero and is an example to future generations of extraordinary
18 patriotism and fortitude; and

19 WHEREAS, General Rose was born on November 26, 1899, in
20 Middletown, Connecticut, and moved to Denver when he was three years
21 old. He attended Elbert Elementary, Wittier Elementary, and East High
22 School in Denver; and

23 WHEREAS, General Rose, his parents, brother, wife, and son all
24 lived in Denver until his death in 1945; and

25 WHEREAS, When German forces in Tunisia were reduced to
26 combat ineffectiveness, General Rose negotiated with their commander,
27 Fritz Krause, on the details of his unconditional surrender; and

28 WHEREAS, General Rose was the highest-ranking United States
29 serviceman killed by enemy fire in the European theater during World
30 War II and was the highest ranking and most distinguished Jewish
31 American soldier in United States history; and

32 WHEREAS, General Rose had one of the most distinguished
33 military records and was the most decorated armored battlefield
34 commander in United States history; and

1 WHEREAS, General Rose was awarded the Distinguished Service
2 Cross, Distinguished Service Medal, Silver Star with two Oak Leaf
3 Clusters, Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star with Oak
4 Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, French Legion of
5 Honor, French Croix de Guerre with Palm, and the Belgian Croix de
6 Guerre with Palm; and

7 WHEREAS, Under General Rose's command, the following firsts
8 were accomplished in World War II:

- 9 (1) First to fire artillery shells into Germany;
- 10 (2) First tank unit to enter Germany;
- 11 (3) First to capture a German town;
- 12 (4) First to breach the Siegfried line;
- 13 (5) First to shoot down a German plane with guns placed on
14 German soil;
- 15 (6) First armor unit to enter the city of Cologne;
- 16 (7) First ground invasion of Germany since Napoleon; and
- 17 (8) Record holder of the longest one-day advance in history of one
18 hundred one miles; and

19 WHEREAS, General Rose never gained the prominence of many
20 of his contemporaries, for reasons including the fact that he did not
21 survive the war, and as an intensely private man, he rarely if ever sought
22 publicity; and

23 WHEREAS, General Rose died by enemy fire on March 30, 1945,
24 and he is buried at the Netherlands American Cemetery in Margraten,
25 Netherlands; and

26 WHEREAS, The State Capitol Building Advisory Committee and
27 the Capital Development Committee have approved a plan for placement
28 of a sculpture and an accompanying explanatory plaque to memorialize
29 General Rose on the State Capitol grounds, the boundaries of which are
30 described in section 24-82-108 (3)(a), Colorado Revised Statutes, subject
31 to the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee approving the final
32 design and the specific location; and

33 WHEREAS, The sculpture of General Rose will be a tribute to
34 Colorado's rich history as well as to an individual and an ethnic group that
35 has not been previously recognized with a sculpture, statue, or monument;
36 now, therefore,

1 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-third*
2 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

3 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, do
4 hereby approve of the plan recommended by the State Capitol Building
5 Advisory Committee and approved by the Capital Development
6 Committee for the installation of the sculpture of Major General Maurice
7 Rose and the accompanying explanatory plaque on the State Capitol
8 grounds.

9 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be
10 transmitted to Governor Jared Polis, the State Capitol Building Advisory
11 Committee, and the Capital Development Committee.