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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21-012

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 or bold & italic numbers 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 49,000 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 161st 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 400,000 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 service members from Colorado declared missing in action
24 or prisoners of war while defending the principles of liberty and justice
25 in conflicts in Korea, Laos, and Vietnam; and

26 WHEREAS, Disparate and diverse groups of Coloradans, such as
27 persons who are African-American, Latino or Latina, or Hispanic, in
28 addition to men and women of all backgrounds, are bound together in the
29 United States Armed Services by their selfless dedication to the spirit of
30 our nation, the ideals of freedom and democracy, and the cause of
31 democracy and stability around the globe; now, therefore,

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

1 (1) That we, the members of the Seventy-third General Assembly,
2 hereby extend our heartfelt gratitude to our state's veterans, past and
3 present, to all military men and women currently serving in the Armed
4 Services, and to the family members of active duty personnel and
5 veterans, and that we remember and honor those prisoners of war and
6 those missing in action from previous conflicts;

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

10 (3) That we encourage the citizens of Colorado to join in the
11 celebration of Colorado's Military, Veterans, and MIA/POW
12 Appreciation Day on April 5, 2021, in recognition and honor of the
13 thousands of fellow citizens in the military who protect and serve their
14 communities, state, and country.

15 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
16 to President Joseph R. Biden; Governor Jared Polis; General John W.
17 Raymond, Chief of Space Operations, United States Space Force; General
18 James H. Dickinson, Commander, United States Space Command;
19 General Glen D. VanHerck, USAF, Commander, North American
20 Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command;
21 Lieutenant General Richard M. Clark, Superintendent, United States Air
22 Force Academy; Brig. Gen. Laura McClellan, The Adjutant General of
23 Colorado; Major General Matthew W. McFarlane, Commanding General,
24 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson; Colonel Devin R. Pepper,
25 Commander, Buckley Garrison, Buckley Air Force Base; Colonel James
26 E. Smith, Commander, Peterson-Schriever Garrison, Schriever Air Force
27 Base; Colonel Michael W. Cobb, Commander, Pueblo Chemical Depot;
28 the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs; the United Veterans Coalition
29 of Colorado; the Paralyzed Veterans of America Mountain States
30 Chapter; the American Legion Department of Colorado; the Department
31 of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Broomfield Veterans
32 Memorial Museum; Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum; and
33 each member of Colorado's Congressional delegation.