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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24-1007

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

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

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HOUSE
Final Reading
February 9, 2024

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 164th anniversary this year; and

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Disparate and diverse groups of Coloradans, such as
22 persons who are African American, Latino or Latina, or Hispanic, in
23 addition to men and women of all backgrounds, are bound together in the
24 United States 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 times of conflict around the globe, it is particularly
28 appropriate to recognize the Coloradans in all branches and components
29 of the Armed Services who serve around the world to protect the security
30 and peace of our nation and other nations; now, therefore,

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

34 (1) That we, the members of the Seventy-fourth General
35 Assembly, hereby extend our heartfelt gratitude to our state's veterans,

1 past and present, to all members of the military currently serving in the
2 Armed Services, and to the family members of active duty personnel and
3 veterans, and that we remember and honor those prisoners of war and
4 those missing in action from previous conflicts;

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

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

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