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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24-1016

101 **CONCERNING RECOGNITION AND REMEMBRANCE OF COLORADO**
102 **MILITARY VETERANS WHO SERVED IN THE VIETNAM WAR.**

1 WHEREAS, United States military involvement in the Vietnam
2 War began in South Vietnam in 1964 and continued throughout the
3 region until 1975, involving North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong
4 guerrilla forces in armed conflict with United States Armed Forces and
5 the Army of the Republic of Vietnam; and

6 WHEREAS, During this period, more than 2.7 million American
7 soldiers, both volunteers and draftees, served tours of duty in Vietnam,
8 with a total of more than 9 million active duty military personnel, in what
9 was an extremely long, difficult, and complex war; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 58,220 members of the United States

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1 Armed Forces, including 623 Coloradans, lost their lives in the Vietnam
2 War, and more than 300,000 members of the United States Armed Forces
3 were wounded; in addition, more than 1,500 members of the United
4 States Armed Forces are listed as prisoners of war or missing in action in
5 the Vietnam War and remain unaccounted for, including 24 Coloradans;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, According to the United States Department of
8 Veterans Affairs, more than 6 million veterans of the United States
9 Armed Forces who served during the Vietnam era are still alive today,
10 including, as of 2020, more than 117,000 Coloradans; and

11 WHEREAS, Formal acknowledgment of Vietnam War veterans
12 is as important now as ever, not only for the veterans who served but for
13 all citizens; bipartisan legislation signed in 2017 permanently enshrines
14 March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day; and

15 WHEREAS, April 30, 2024, marks the 49th anniversary of the end
16 of the Vietnam War; now, therefore,

17 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
18 *Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate*
19 *concurring herein:*

20 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, hereby:

21 (1) Honor the service and sacrifices of Colorado military veterans
22 who served in the Vietnam War alongside South Vietnamese soldiers;

23 (2) Recognize the challenges faced by many veterans, both while
24 serving in the Vietnam War and upon returning home;

25 (3) Express our appreciation for the fortitude of Colorado
26 veterans; their activism on behalf of fellow veterans; their patriotism;
27 their accomplishments and contributions; and the leadership they have
28 shown their families, community organizations, and the state; and

29 (4) Encourage all Coloradans to remember the sacrifices made by
30 Vietnam War veterans.

31 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
32 to Brig. Gen. Laura Clellan, the Adjutant General of Colorado, Executive

1 Director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; the United
2 Veterans Coalition of Colorado; Project Sanctuary; the President of the
3 United States Joseph R. Biden, Jr.; the honorable Jared Polis, Governor
4 of Colorado; and each member of Colorado's Congressional delegation.