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### **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 25-1013**

101 CONCERNING HONORING COLORADO VETERANS ON THE EIGHTIETH

102 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 those, over
 3,500 were killed in action or from wounds suffered on the battlefield;

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5 WHEREAS, Of the 3,586 Coloradans who gave the last full 6 measure of devotion, offering their lives so that others might live freely, 7 over half never came home; their remains were left unrecovered or buried 8 in American military cemeteries around the world; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of Colorado has a rich history of service in
10 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; and

8 WHEREAS, The Colorado Freedom Memorial, dedicated in 2013, 9 honors all Colorado veterans killed in action since the Spanish-American 10 War, and all 3,586 of those killed in World War II are included, making 11 the Colorado Freedom Memorial the only memorial in Colorado to honor 12 all of our fallen, by name, in one place; and

WHEREAS, The Colorado Freedom Memorial pays 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; now, therefore,

- Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth
  General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:
- 19 That we, the General Assembly, in recognition of the heroic efforts 20 and great sacrifice of World War II veterans from Colorado and across 21 the United States, hereby recognize this commemoration of the 80th 22 anniversary of the end of World War II and encourage support throughout 23 the Senate and the House of Representatives.