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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 25-1014

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 the 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,
9 including 11,000 women, in what was an extremely long, difficult, and
10 complex war; and

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1 WHEREAS, More than 58,000 members of the United States
2 Armed Forces, including 623 Coloradans, lost their lives in the Vietnam
3 War, and more than 300,000 Americans were wounded; in addition, more
4 than 1,500 members of the United States Armed Forces are listed as
5 prisoners of war or missing in action in the Vietnam War and remain
6 unaccounted for, including 24 Coloradans; 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, an estimate of more than 116,000 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, 2025, marks the 50th anniversary of the fall
16 of the South Vietnamese capital of Saigon to the North Vietnamese Army
17 and the effective end of the Vietnam War; now, therefore,

18 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth*
19 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*
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21 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, hereby:

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

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

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

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

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

1 Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans
2 Affairs; the United Veterans Coalition of Colorado; Project Sanctuary;
3 the President of the United States Donald J. Trump; the honorable Jared
4 Polis, Governor of Colorado; and each member of Colorado's
5 Congressional delegation.