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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-1008

101 **CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION AND HONORING OF BRAVE WOMEN**
102 **VETERANS AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED**
103 **FORCES.**

1 WHEREAS, Women have courageously served the United States
2 in military roles since the founding of our nation, dating back to the
3 American Revolutionary War in 1775 when women served as nurses,
4 spies, and couriers and in defense roles alongside the Continental Army;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Throughout every major national and global conflict,
7 including the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War, the
8 Vietnam War, the Gulf War, the Global War on Terror, and ongoing
9 missions around the world, women have answered the call to serve with
10 honor, sacrifice, and unwavering patriotism; and

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Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

1 WHEREAS, Women formally became permanent members of the
2 United States Armed Forces with the passage of the Women's Armed
3 Services Integration Act of 1948, paving the way for expanded
4 leadership, responsibility, and recognition within the military; and

5 WHEREAS, Women have served with distinction across all
6 branches of the United States Armed Forces, including the Army, Navy,
7 Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, Coast Guard, Reserves, and
8 National Guard, contributing critical skills, leadership, innovation,
9 operational excellence, and a warrior spirit; and

10 WHEREAS, Women have served the United States Armed Forces
11 in many specialities, including as pilots, sailors, infantry leaders,
12 intelligence specialists, doctors, medics, engineers, cyber operators,
13 scientists, and builders, and, by 2016, all military positions were open to
14 women, reflecting their proven capability, resilience, and commitment to
15 mission success; and

16 WHEREAS, The establishment of the United States Space Force
17 in 2019 further expanded opportunities for women to lead and protect our
18 nation in emerging and highly technical domains critical to national
19 security; and

20 WHEREAS, Women veterans and service members have endured
21 extraordinary sacrifices, including time away from family, physical and
22 emotional hardship, and the lasting impacts of service, all while
23 strengthening the readiness, effectiveness, and moral foundation of the
24 United States Armed Forces; and

25 WHEREAS, The contributions of women in uniform have not only
26 defended freedom and democracy at home and abroad but have also
27 inspired future generations of women to serve their country with strength,
28 confidence, courage, and honor; now, therefore,

29 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth
30 General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

31 (1) That we honor and recognize our brave and honorable women
32 veterans and women currently serving in the United States Army, Navy,
33 Air Force, Marine Corps, Space Force, Coast Guard, Reserves, and
34 National Guard for their historic and ongoing contributions to the security

1 and freedom of the United States; and

2 (2) That we express our deepest, unwavering gratitude for the
3 service, sacrifice, leadership, and resilience of our women veterans and
4 women currently serving in the United States Armed Forces, and reaffirm
5 our commitment to ensuring they receive the respect, recognition, and
6 support they have earned through their honorable service.