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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-1011

101 **CONCERNING HONORING COLORADO VETERANS ON THE EIGHTY-FIRST**
102 **ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR II.**

1 WHEREAS, During the years 1941 to 1945, some 250,000 of
2 Colorado's sons and daughters served in World War II, and of those, over
3 3,500 were killed in action or died from wounds suffered on the
4 battlefield; and

5 WHEREAS, Over half of the 3,586 Coloradans who gave their
6 lives so that others might live freely never came home; their remains are
7 unrecovered or buried in American military cemeteries around the world;
8 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

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1 trained in the Colorado Rockies at Camp Hale on Tennessee Pass, and the
2 Colorado National Guard's 157th Infantry Regiment, which spent 511
3 days in continuous combat during World War II, including four
4 amphibious landings, and which under the command of Captain Felix
5 Sparks liberated the Dachau concentration camp; and

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

11 WHEREAS, The Colorado Freedom Memorial pays tribute to the
12 men and women of Colorado who served in World War II, those who
13 gave all, and those who returned home to build Colorado into the
14 beautiful state it is today; now, therefore,

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

17 That we, the General Assembly, in recognition of the heroic efforts
18 and great sacrifice of World War II veterans from Colorado and across
19 the United States, hereby recognize this commemoration of the 81st
20 anniversary of the end of World War II and encourage support throughout
21 the Senate and the House of Representatives.