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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-1014

101 **CONCERNING HONORING POST-9/11 VETERANS.**

1 WHEREAS, Following the attacks on the World Trade Center on
2 September 11, 2001, the United States engaged in extended military
3 operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, spanning approximately two decades.
4 These operations included Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation
5 Freedom's Sentinel, Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation New Dawn, and
6 Operation Inherent Resolve; and

7 WHEREAS, During this period, the United States deployed more
8 than two million American service members to Iraq and Afghanistan. Of
9 those service members, more than 6,900 were killed in action, including
10 107 service members from Colorado; and

11 WHEREAS, Of those service members who came home to
12 Colorado, many continue to live with post-traumatic stress disorder,

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1 traumatic brain injuries, and other service-related conditions as a result
2 of their deployment to Iraq and Afghanistan that require ongoing care and
3 support; and

4 WHEREAS, The families and loved ones of service members also
5 share in those sacrifices and carry the burdens associated with combat;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, As the fifth anniversary of the withdrawal of United
8 States troops from Afghanistan nears, it is imperative to acknowledge the
9 sacrifices made by the veterans who served after September 11, 2001, as
10 many are just beginning to share their stories, process their grief, and
11 adjust to civilian life; now, therefore,

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

14 (1) That we, the members of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly,
15 honor the courage, service, and sacrifice of all Americans who served in
16 military operations following September 11, 2001;

17 (2) That we solemnly remember the 107 service members of the
18 United States Armed Forces from Colorado who lost their lives during
19 this period of service;

20 (3) That we express profound gratitude to all Colorado veterans
21 who served during this time for their dedication and commitment; and

22 (4) That we reaffirm the ongoing responsibility of the Colorado
23 General Assembly to ensure that veterans and their families receive
24 timely, comprehensive, and competent care, support, and recognition.

25 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
26 to President Donald J. Trump; Governor Jared Polis; Major General
27 Robert Davis, Adjutant General of Colorado and Executive Director of
28 the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; Fred Scheck,
29 State Commander of the Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign
30 Wars; the American Legion Department of Colorado; the Colorado
31 Division of Veterans Affairs; the United Veterans Coalition of Colorado;
32 the Paralyzed Veterans of America Mountain States Chapter; the

1 Broomfield Veterans Museum; the Wings Over the Rockies Air and
2 Space Museum; and each member of the Colorado Congressional
3 Delegation.