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HOUSE RESOLUTION 26-1002

101 **CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF DISTRICT WILDLIFE MANAGER BOB**
102 **HOLDER FOR HIS FIFTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE**
103 **STATE OF COLORADO.**

1 WHEREAS, Bob Holder began his legendary career with the
2 Colorado Division of Wildlife in 1975 and was assigned to the Trinidad
3 West District in 1976, where he has spent the entirety of his 51-year
4 career protecting the wildlife resources of southern Colorado; and

5 WHEREAS, Known by generations of youth as "Mr. Bob Holder",
6 Bob has served as a mentor and hero to countless students, using a
7 captivating communication style and intimate subject matter knowledge
8 to inspire conservation ethics in people of all ages; and

9 WHEREAS, Bob Holder is particularly esteemed for his deep
10 passion for Colorado's black bears, delivering renowned bear education
11 programs and working tirelessly to resolve human-bear conflicts; and

12 WHEREAS, Bob's technical contributions to wildlife management
13 are historic, including trapping and transferring over 850 Merriam's
14 turkeys throughout Colorado and Utah and assisting in critical research

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HOUSE
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March 6, 2026

1 by trapping 240 birds for the state's wild turkey research program; and

2 WHEREAS, Through his exceptional ability to build landowner
3 relationships, Bob was instrumental in the acquisition of the 30,000-acre
4 Bosque del Oso State Wildlife Area (SWA), Colorado's largest SWA, and
5 has helped protect over 78,000 additional acres of critical habitat through
6 perpetual conservation easements; and

7 WHEREAS, In his role as a wildlife officer, Bob is known for his
8 "straight-shooter" communication style and his "sixth sense" that led to
9 the apprehension of hundreds of poachers, earning him a reputation for
10 being determined, aggressive, and fair; and

11 WHEREAS, Bob Holder's extraordinary career has been
12 recognized with the John D. Hart Wildlife Officer of the Year Award in
13 1996, the North American Wildlife Officer of the Year Award in 2002,
14 the National Wild Turkey Federation National Enforcement Officer of the
15 Year Award in 2006, and the proclamation of June 10 as "Bob Holder
16 Day" in 2018 in Las Animas County; and

17 WHEREAS, Bob Holder officially retired on March 1, 2026,
18 marking a half-century of dedicated service to the people of the state of
19 Colorado; now, therefore,

20 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth*
21 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

22 That we, the members of the Colorado House of Representatives,
23 hereby extend our deepest gratitude to Bob Holder for his 50 years of
24 unwavering dedication to Colorado's wildlife and congratulate him on a
25 well-deserved retirement.

26 *Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this Resolution be sent to
27 Bob Holder as a token of our esteem and appreciation for his lifetime of
28 service.