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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 23-1013

101 **CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION AND REMEMBRANCE OF MILITARY**
102 **VETERANS IN COLORADO 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 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, in what
9 was an extremely long, difficult, and complex war; and

10 WHEREAS, More than 58,220 members of the United States

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HOUSE
Final Reading
February 10, 2023

1 Armed Forces, including 623 Coloradans, lost their lives in the Vietnam
2 War, and more than 300,000 members of the United States Armed Forces
3 were wounded; and

4 WHEREAS, In addition, more than 1,500 members of the United
5 States Armed Forces listed as prisoners of war (POWs) or missing in
6 action in the Vietnam War remain unaccounted for, including 24
7 Coloradans; and

8 WHEREAS, According to the U.S. Department of Veterans
9 Affairs, more than 6 million veterans of the United States Armed Forces
10 who served during the Vietnam era are still alive today, including, as of
11 2020, more than 117,000 Coloradans; and

12 WHEREAS, Formal acknowledgment of Vietnam War veterans
13 is as important now as ever, not only for those veterans who served but
14 for all citizens; bipartisan legislation signed in 2017 permanently
15 enshrines March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day; and

16 WHEREAS, April 30, 2023, marks the 48th anniversary of the end
17 of the Vietnam War; now, therefore,

18 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
19 *Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate*
20 *concurring herein:*

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 of these veterans,
25 both while 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.

1 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
2 to the Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; the United
3 Veterans Coalition of Colorado; Project Sanctuary; the President of the
4 United States Joseph R. Biden, Jr.; the honorable Jared Polis, Governor
5 of Colorado; and the Colorado Congressional delegation.