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STATE OF COLORADO**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 21-1013**

101     **CONCERNING HONORING AND COMMEMORATING THE SERVICE**  
102             **MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE TO OUR**  
103             **NATION IN RECOGNITION OF MEMORIAL DAY.**

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1             WHEREAS, Brave Americans from all walks of life, all corners  
2     of this nation, and some from around the world have fought, sacrificed,  
3     and died in service to this nation since its founding; and

4             WHEREAS, Memorial Day has various origins from our Civil  
5     War. On May 1, 1865, more than 1,000 Black Americans recently freed  
6     from enslavement, accompanied by regiments of the U.S. Colored  
7     Troops, including the Massachusetts 54th Infantry Regiment and a  
8     handful of White Charlestonians, gathered in a POW camp in Charleston,  
9     South Carolina, to consecrate a new proper burial site for the over 250  
10    Union soldiers who died in the POW camp singing hymns, reading

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HOUSE  
Final Reading  
May 28, 2021

1 scripture, and distributing flowers around the cemetery, which they  
2 dedicated to the "Martyrs of the Race Course"; and

3 WHEREAS, In May 1868, General John A. Logan, the  
4 commander in chief of the Union veterans group known as the "Grand  
5 Army of the Republic", issued a decree that May 30 should become a  
6 nationwide day of commemoration for the more than 620,000 soldiers  
7 killed in the recently ended Civil War, and should be known as  
8 Decoration Day, where Americans lay flowers and decorate the graves of  
9 those who died in the war; and

10 WHEREAS, Decoration Day continued until after World War I  
11 when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in  
12 the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1968, Congress passed the "Uniform Monday  
14 Holiday Act", which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in  
15 May, with the changes going into effect in 1971, officially declaring  
16 Memorial Day a federal holiday; and

17 WHEREAS, More than 1.1 million Americans have made the  
18 ultimate sacrifice and have been killed in all U.S. wars, including well  
19 over 3,000 Coloradans; now, therefore,

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

22 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, honor  
23 and commemorate those service members who have paid the ultimate  
24 sacrifice to a grateful nation by taking a moment of silence to reflect on  
25 the lives lost, on how their sacrifices have shaped this nation and have  
26 allowed us the freedom and privilege to serve in this great body, and on  
27 the friends and family who were left behind by the sacrifices of those  
28 brave men and women.

29 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
30 to the commanders of the American Legion posts in Colorado; the  
31 commanders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in Colorado; the  
32 commanders of Colorado's active military bases; the U.S. Air Force  
33 Academy; the Pikes Peak Chapter of Gold Star Mothers; the Denver  
34 Chapter of Gold Star Wives; the chapters of the Blue Star Mothers of

- 1 Colorado; the Colorado Fallen Heroes Memorial Organization; and the
- 2 Colorado Freedom Memorial Foundation.