



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-016

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CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF A SCULPTURE AND EXPLANATORY PLAQUE TO MEMORIALIZE THE VICTIMS OF THE SAND CREEK MASSACRE OF NOVEMBER 29, 1864, ON THE STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS.

WHEREAS, The State Capitol and its grounds contain memorials to the state's political past as well as memorabilia promoting the state's natural environment and history of events, individuals, and ethnic groups; and

WHEREAS, From time to time, proposals for gifts of art and memorials are made to the state to be placed in the State Capitol or on its grounds; and

WHEREAS, Section 24-82-108 (3)(h), Colorado Revised Statutes, requires the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee to establish criteria and a procedure for the evaluation of proposals for gifts of memorials for placement in the State Capitol or on its grounds; and

WHEREAS, The State Capitol Building Advisory Committee's

evaluation criteria for a memorial is based partly upon the association the proposed memorial has with a significant event in the state's history, the connection of the memorial with persons significant in the heritage of the state, and its appropriateness to the designated area of the State Capitol; and

WHEREAS, The procedure stipulates that, if the Capital Development Committee and the Governor concur with the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee's recommendations regarding the placement of memorials on the State Capitol grounds, the Capital Development Committee may make its recommendation for acceptance of the donated art to the General Assembly in the form of a joint resolution introduced during an annual legislative session; and

WHEREAS, The State Capitol Building Advisory Committee, the Capital Development Committee, and the Governor have approved a plan for placement of a bronze sculpture and an accompanying explanatory plaque on the State Capitol grounds, the boundaries of which are described in section 24-82-108 (3)(a), Colorado Revised Statutes, subject to the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee approving the final design and the specific location; and

WHEREAS, The proposed language for the explanatory plaque reads as follows: "At daybreak, November 29, 1864, Colorado US Volunteers attacked a Cheyenne and Arapaho village at Sand Creek in southeastern Colorado Territory that had been guaranteed safety and protection by the US Army. Cheyenne chief Black Kettle flew an American flag and a white flag of truce over his lodge - yet the 675 troops, supported by four howitzers, swept the village killing 230 Cheyenne and Arapaho - mostly women, children, babies, and the elderly and wounding another 200. But for the courageous action of two veteran battalion company commanders, Capt. Silas S. Soule and Lt. Joseph A. Cramer, who ordered their companies to stand down and not fire, the entire village of 750 would have been annihilated. Soldiers then mutilated the dead, carrying "trophies" to Denver to display them at a theater production. The Sand Creek Massacre opened full-scale war on the western plains. Thirty-three chiefs were present at Sand Creek; of these 18 were killed:

Chief Crow (Cheyenne)
Spotted Crow (Cheyenne)

Left Hand (Arapaho)
Bosse (Arapaho)
Heap of Buffalo (Arapaho)
Bear Man (Cheyenne)
Warbonnet (Cheyenne)
Lone Bear, aka One Eye (Cheyenne)
Yellow Wolf (Cheyenne)
Bear Tongue (Cheyenne)
White Antelope (Cheyenne)
Little Robe (Cheyenne)
Sand Hill (Cheyenne)
Left Hand (Cheyenne)
Two Thighs (Cheyenne)
Red Arm (Cheyenne)
Tall Bull (Cheyenne)
Black Horse (Cheyenne)
Cutlip Bear (Cheyenne)

The Sand Creek National Historic Site is located in Kiowa County near Eads, CO."; and

WHEREAS, The sculpture and the plaque would serve to memorialize the victims of the Sand Creek Massacre of November 29, 1864; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-first General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That we, the members of the General Assembly, do hereby approve of the plan recommended by the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee, the Capital Development Committee, and the Governor for the installation of the sculpture and the accompanying explanatory plaque on the State Capitol grounds.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the State Capitol Building Advisory

Committee, the Capital Development Committee, the One Earth Future Foundation, and the Arsenault Family Foundation.

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