



## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 18-007

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MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS AND THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO STAND UP A NEW ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM BY TRANSITIONING AN INFANTRY BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM STATIONED AT FORT CARSON INTO AN ARMORED BRIGADE COMBAT TEAM TO BE STATIONED AT FORT CARSON.

WHEREAS, The United States Army must be ready at all times to respond to global crisis, both with regard to near-peer nations such as Russia and to rogue regimes that harbor terrorism; and

WHEREAS, As part of fulfilling its mission, in fiscal year 2019, the United States Army plans to increase its active Armored Brigade Combat Team (ABCT) capacity by one brigade, from fifteen to sixteen brigades in total, and further plans to station this new ABCT at an existing Army installation in the continental U.S.; and

WHEREAS, A Programmatic Environmental Assessment conducted

by the Army considered and analyzed five alternatives for the creation of the new ABCT, including an option that would convert the current 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT), 4th Infantry Division, at Fort Carson, into the 16th ABCT to be stationed at Fort Carson; and

WHEREAS, Converting the existing unit at Fort Carson from an IBCT to an ABCT and stationing that ABCT at Fort Carson is the most cost-effective and responsible way to stand up the new unit; Fort Carson would not require new construction or significant renovation to house the ABCT, as the facilities already boast the infrastructure required for sustaining the unit; Fort Carson's training sites are unrivaled; and, because the Army conducted an Environmental Impact Statement on the installation in 2015, there would be no need for an additional costly assessment; and

WHEREAS, Community support in the state of Colorado for Fort Carson and its mission, personnel, and families is unmatched; Fort Carson is consistently among the top requested posts for Army families and personnel; and Colorado remains one of the most desirable places to train, work, live, and retire in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Fort Carson and the state of Colorado stand proud and prepared to continue to serve the nation to our fullest capability; 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 General Assembly of the State of Colorado, along with Colorado's governor and its entire, bipartisan Congressional delegation, strongly urge the Secretary of the Army to stand up the Army's 16th Armored Brigade Combat Team at Fort Carson through the conversion of an Infantry Brigade Combat Team to an Armored Brigade Combat Team to be stationed at Fort Carson.

*Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Memorial be sent to Governor John Hickenlooper; General Mark A. Milley, Chief of Staff of the Army; Mark Esper, Secretary of the Army; General Lori J. Robinson, Commander, United States Northern Command; Major General Randy A. George, Commander, 4th Infantry Division; Major General Michael A. Loh, Adjutant General, State of Colorado; and Colorado's Congressional delegation.

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