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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 25-1029

101 **CONCERNING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S ERASURE OF UNITED**
102 **STATES' MILITARY HISTORY.**

1 WHEREAS, The federal government is currently engaging in an
2 ideological erasure against institutions, people, photos, websites, public
3 information, or acknowledgments that could conceivably be considered
4 supporting diversity, equity, and inclusion; and

5 WHEREAS, These attacks have extended into the U.S.
6 Department of Defense, and have led to the removal, suppression, and
7 erasure of key facets of America's proud military history; and

8 WHEREAS, These efforts at suppression and erasure have led to
9 removing lessons from Basic Airman training regarding the Tuskegee
10 Airmen, removal of informational websites regarding the Japanese

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1 American 442nd Infantry Regiment and African American Medal of
2 Honor recipients, targeting for deletion photos of the Enola Gay aircraft,
3 and the removal of a webpage dedicated to the memory of Ira Hayes, a
4 member of the Pima Nation and one of the most well-known and tragic
5 individuals who raised the American flag on Iwo Jima; and

6 WHEREAS, America has a long, storied history of all Americans,
7 new and old, in their full diversity, equitably including themselves in
8 contribution to the common defense, from the Marquis de Lafayette,
9 Alexander Hamilton, Baron Friedrich von Steuben, and John Paul Jones;
10 to the 54th Massachusetts, Harlem Hellfighters, and Buffalo Soldier
11 Regiments; from the women of WAVES and WACS to Navajo Code
12 Talkers; to Dr. Mary Walker, Pvt. Henry Johnson, Pvt. Marcelino Serna,
13 Lt. Col. Charles Rogers, and Captain Humayun Khan; and

14 WHEREAS, Many of these stories of military honor and valor
15 have Colorado connections, from Maj. Gen. Maurice Rose, Pvt. George
16 Sakato, and Pvt. Joe Martinez, to the four Pueblo-native Congressional
17 Medal of Honor recipients leading to the City of Pueblo's designation as
18 "The Home of Heroes"; and

19 WHEREAS, Combat and war should never be glorified, but in
20 very few fulcrums do the bonds of brotherhood show themselves across
21 the myriad divisions mankind places between themselves; and

22 WHEREAS, The promise to our forebears as heirs to this shared
23 history is that: "From this day to the ending of the world, but we in it shall
24 be remembered"; now, therefore,

25 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth*
26 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

27 (1) That we, the Seventy-fifth Colorado General Assembly,
28 hereby condemn the removal, suppression, and attempts to erase our
29 shared American military history; and

30 (2) That we, the Seventy-fifth Colorado General Assembly,
31 demand, as heirs of these storied units, traditions, and people, that our
32 American military history not be removed, suppressed, or erased for
33 ourselves and future generations of Americans.

34 *Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent*

1 to the President of the United States, the U.S. Secretary of Defense, the
2 Governor of Colorado, and the members of Colorado's congressional
3 delegation.