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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 18-007

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

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

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

9 WHEREAS, A Programmatic Environmental Assessment
10 conducted by the Army considered and analyzed five alternatives for the
11 creation of the new ABCT, including an option that would convert the
12 current 2nd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (IBCT), 4th Infantry

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1 Division, at Fort Carson, into the 16th ABCT to be stationed at Fort
2 Carson; and

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

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

17 WHEREAS, Fort Carson and the state of Colorado stand proud
18 and prepared to continue to serve the nation to our fullest capability; now,
19 therefore,

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

22 That we, the General Assembly of the State of Colorado, along
23 with Colorado's governor and its entire, bipartisan Congressional
24 delegation, strongly urge the Secretary of the Army to stand up the
25 Army's 16th Armored Brigade Combat Team at Fort Carson through the
26 conversion of an Infantry Brigade Combat Team to an Armored Brigade
27 Combat Team to be stationed at Fort Carson.

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