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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-1005

101 **CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF MILITARY, VETERANS, AND MIA/POW**
102 **APPRECIATION DAY.**

1 WHEREAS, Colorado has a proud and distinguished history of
2 dedicated military service by men and women of this state whose courage,
3 heroism, and sacrifice preserve the liberties and democratic way of life set
4 forth in our state and federal constitutions; and

5 WHEREAS, Colorado is home to a significant number of military
6 installations, including Fort Carson, the United States Air Force
7 Academy, Buckley Air Force Base, Peterson Air Force Base, Schriever
8 Air Force Base, and Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, that
9 contribute not only to the national security of our nation but to the
10 economic health of our state; and

11 WHEREAS, Colorado benefits significantly from the presence and

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1 military service of the more than 49,000 men and women in our state who
2 serve in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and
3 Coast Guard; the branch Reserves; the Colorado National Guard; and the
4 Civil Air Patrol; and

5 WHEREAS, The men and women of the Colorado National Guard
6 have served in defense of our nation and as the first military responders
7 in support of civil authorities during domestic emergencies and are
8 celebrating their 157th anniversary this year; and

9 WHEREAS, In times of conflict around the globe, it is particularly
10 appropriate to recognize the Coloradans in all branches and components
11 of the Armed Services who serve around the world to protect the security
12 and peace of our nation and other nations; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to active members of the Armed Services,
14 Colorado is the proud home of more than 412,000 military veterans who
15 have served their country long and well and who bring great honor and
16 distinction to the state; and

17 WHEREAS, Colorado is home not only to active duty service
18 personnel and veterans but also to the countless family members of these
19 men and women who display the same dedication, courage, and sacrifice;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, We should also never forget the sacrifices made for
22 us by the 94 men from Colorado declared missing in action or prisoners
23 of war while defending the principles of liberty and justice in conflicts in
24 Korea, Laos, and Vietnam; now, therefore,

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

27 (1) That we, the members of the Seventy-first General Assembly,
28 hereby extend our heartfelt gratitude to our state's veterans, past and
29 present, to all military men and women currently serving in the Armed
30 Services, and to the family members of active duty personnel and veterans
31 and that we remember and honor those prisoners of war and those missing
32 in action from previous conflicts;

33 (2) That we express our continued partnership with and support
34 of Fort Carson and maintain our strong commitment to supporting

1 ongoing military training at the Mountain Post; and

2 (3) That we encourage the citizens of Colorado to join in the
3 celebration of Colorado's Military, Veterans, and MIA/POW
4 Appreciation Day on January 27, 2017, in recognition and honor of the
5 thousands of fellow citizens in the military who protect and serve their
6 communities, state, and country.

7 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
8 to President Donald J. Trump; Governor John Hickenlooper; General Lori
9 J. Robinson, Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command
10 and United States Northern Command; General John W. Raymond,
11 Commander, Air Force Space Command; Lieutenant General Michelle
12 Johnson, Superintendent, United States Air Force Academy; Major
13 General H. Michael Edwards, Adjutant General of Colorado; Major
14 General Ryan F. Gonsalves, Commanding General, 4th Infantry Division
15 and Fort Carson; Colonel David N. Miller, Jr., Commander of the 460th
16 Space Wing, Buckley Air Force Base; Colonel DeAnna M. Burt,
17 Commander, 50th Space Wing, Air Force Space Command, Schriever Air
18 Force Base; Colonel Douglas A. Schiess, Commander, 21st Space Wing,
19 Peterson Air Force Base; the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs; the
20 United Veterans Committee of Colorado; the Mountain States Chapter,
21 Paralyzed Veterans of America; the American Legion Department of
22 Colorado; the Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars; the
23 Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum; the Wings Over the Rockies Air
24 and Space Museum; and each member of Colorado's Congressional
25 delegation.