



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21-012

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Colorado benefits significantly from the presence and military service of the more than 49,000 men and women in our state who

serve in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard; the branch Reserves; the Colorado National Guard; and the Civil Air Patrol; and

WHEREAS, The men and women of the Colorado National Guard have served in defense of our nation and as the first military responders in support of civil authorities during domestic emergencies and are celebrating their 161st anniversary this year; and

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

WHEREAS, In addition to active members of the Armed Services, Colorado is the proud home of more than 400,000 military veterans who have served their country long and well and who bring great honor and distinction to the state; and

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

WHEREAS, We should also never forget the sacrifices made for us by the 94 service members from Colorado declared missing in action or prisoners of war while defending the principles of liberty and justice in conflicts in Korea, Laos, and Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Disparate and diverse groups of Coloradans, such as persons who are African-American, Latino or Latina, or Hispanic, in addition to men and women of all backgrounds, are bound together in the United States Armed Services by their selfless dedication to the spirit of our nation, the ideals of freedom and democracy, and the cause of democracy and stability around the globe; now, therefore,

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

- (1) That we, the members of the Seventy-third General Assembly,

hereby extend our heartfelt gratitude to our state's veterans, past and present, to all military men and women currently serving in the Armed Services, and to the family members of active duty personnel and veterans, and that we remember and honor those prisoners of war and those missing in action from previous conflicts;

(2) That we express our continued partnership with and support of Fort Carson and maintain our strong commitment to supporting ongoing military training at the Mountain Post; and

(3) That we encourage the citizens of Colorado to join in the celebration of Colorado's Military, Veterans, and MIA/POW Appreciation Day on April 5, 2021, in recognition and honor of the thousands of fellow citizens in the military who protect and serve their communities, state, and country.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to President Joseph R. Biden; Governor Jared Polis; General John W. Raymond, Chief of Space Operations, United States Space Force; General James H. Dickinson, Commander, United States Space Command; General Glen D. VanHerck, USAF, Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command; Lieutenant General Richard M. Clark, Superintendent, United States Air Force Academy; Brig. Gen. Laura McClellan, The Adjutant General of Colorado; Major General Matthew W. McFarlane, Commanding General, 4th Infantry Division and Fort Carson; Colonel Devin R. Pepper, Commander, Buckley Garrison, Buckley Air Force Base; Colonel James E. Smith, Commander, Peterson-Schriever Garrison, Schriever Air Force Base; Colonel Michael W. Cobb, Commander, Pueblo Chemical Depot; the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs;

the United Veterans Coalition of Colorado; the Paralyzed Veterans of America Mountain States Chapter; the American Legion Department of Colorado; the Department of Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars; the Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum; Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum; and each member of Colorado's Congressional delegation.

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