



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-1011

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CONCERNING THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE SPACE COMMAND.

WHEREAS, The United States Air Force activated Space Command on September 1, 1982, thirty-five years ago this year, to enhance the Air Force's focus, attention, and efforts in space and to exploit the military advantages the space domain provides to the American warfighter; and

WHEREAS, Air Force Space Command personnel acquire, field, and operate the world's most advanced military space systems, many of which were developed and built in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, From 1993 to 2009, Air Force Space Command was responsible for safeguarding and operating America's entire fleet of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles and in 2009 gained responsibility for Air Force Cyberspace Operations; and

WHEREAS, Our nation's security critically relies upon information, most of which is generated in, stored in, or transits the space and cyberspace domains, and Air Force Space Command is now responsible for two of the Air Force's three operational domains--space and cyberspace; and

WHEREAS, The 460th Space Wing, based at Buckley Air Force Base in Aurora, operates all of our nation's space-based missile warning satellites, keeping constant watch against potential attacks; and

WHEREAS, The 21st Space Wing, based at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, operates a global network of radars, telescopes, and other systems, which monitor thousands of objects orbiting the Earth, as well as keeping watch against enemy attack from air, sea, and space; and

WHEREAS, The 50th Space Wing, based at Schriever Air Force Base, near Falcon, operates secure military satellite communication and weather systems as well as the Global Positioning System, which serves not only our military forces, but all of mankind; and

WHEREAS, The Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, in Colorado Springs, provides the Department of Defense's only high-altitude, electromagnetic-pulse protected facility, housing the most critical components of our nation's military command and control systems; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Seventy-first General Assembly:

(1) Recognize the United States Air Force Space Command for thirty-five years of service in defense of our nation and the principles of freedom globally; and

(2) Express our deepest pride in Colorado's role in the United States Air Force Command's mission and our deepest gratitude for the men and women of the United States Air Force who carry out that mission.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to President Donald J. Trump; Governor John Hickenlooper; General Lori Robinson, Commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command; General John W. Raymond, Commander, Air Force Space Command; Major General H. Michael Edwards, Adjutant General, Colorado National Guard; Colonel David N. Miller, Jr., Commander, 460th Space Wing, Buckley Air Force Base; Colonel Douglas Schiess, Commander, 21st Space Wing; Colonel DeAnna Burt, Commander, 50th Space Wing; and Colorado's Congressional delegation.

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