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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15-1007**

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

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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;

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

SENATE  
Final Reading  
February 6, 2015

HOUSE  
Amended Final Rdg.  
January 30, 2015

1           WHEREAS, Colorado benefits significantly from the presence and  
2 military service of the more than 53,000 men and women in our state who  
3 serve in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and  
4 Coast Guard; the branch Reserves; the Colorado National Guard; and the  
5 Civil Air Patrol; and

6           WHEREAS, The men and women of the Colorado National Guard  
7 have served in defense of our nation and as the first military responders  
8 in support of civil authorities during domestic emergencies and are  
9 celebrating their 155th anniversary this year; and

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

14           WHEREAS, In addition to active members of the Armed Services,  
15 Colorado is the proud home of more than 413,000 military veterans who  
16 have served their country long and well and who bring great honor and  
17 distinction to the state; and

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

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

26           *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventieth*  
27 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

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

34           (2) That we express our continued reliance upon and support of

1 Fort Carson and maintain our strong commitment to supporting ongoing  
2 military training at the Mountain Post; and

3 (3) That we encourage the citizens of Colorado to join in the  
4 celebration of Colorado's Military, Veterans, and MIA/POW  
5 Appreciation Day on January 30, 2015, in recognition and honor of the  
6 thousands of fellow citizens in the military who protect and serve their  
7 communities, state, and country.

8 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
9 to President Barack Obama; Governor John Hickenlooper; Lieutenant  
10 General Michelle Johnson, Superintendent, United States Air Force  
11 Academy; Major General H. Michael Edwards, Adjutant General of  
12 Colorado; Major General Paul LaCamera, Commanding General, 4th  
13 Infantry Division and Fort Carson; Colonel John Wagner, Commander of  
14 the 460th Space Wing, Buckley Air Force Base; Colonel William J.  
15 Liquori Jr., Commander, 50th Space Wing, Schriever Air Force Base;  
16 Colonel John Shaw, Commander, 21st Space Wing, Peterson Air Force  
17 Base; the Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs; the United Veterans  
18 Committee of Colorado; Mountain States Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of  
19 America; the American Legion Department of Colorado; Department of  
20 Colorado Veterans of Foreign Wars; Broomfield Veterans Memorial  
21 Museum; Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum; and each  
22 member of Colorado's Congressional delegation.