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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-016

101 **CONCERNING THE INSTALLATION OF A SCULPTURE AND EXPLANATORY**
102 **PLAQUE TO MEMORIALIZE THE VICTIMS OF THE SAND CREEK**
103 **MASSACRE OF NOVEMBER 29, 1864, ON THE STATE CAPITOL**
104 **GROUNDS.**

1 WHEREAS, The State Capitol and its grounds contain memorials
2 to the state's political past as well as memorabilia promoting the state's
3 natural environment and history of events, individuals, and ethnic groups;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, From time to time, proposals for gifts of art and
6 memorials are made to the state to be placed in the State Capitol or on its
7 grounds; and

8 WHEREAS, Section 24-82-108 (3)(h), Colorado Revised Statutes,

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.

1 requires the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee to establish
2 criteria and a procedure for the evaluation of proposals for gifts of
3 memorials for placement in the State Capitol or on its grounds; and

4 WHEREAS, The State Capitol Building Advisory Committee's
5 evaluation criteria for a memorial is based partly upon the association the
6 proposed memorial has with a significant event in the state's history, the
7 connection of the memorial with persons significant in the heritage of the
8 state, and its appropriateness to the designated area of the State Capitol;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, The procedure stipulates that, if the Capital
11 Development Committee and the Governor concur with the State Capitol
12 Building Advisory Committee's recommendations regarding the
13 placement of memorials on the State Capitol grounds, the Capital
14 Development Committee may make its recommendation for acceptance
15 of the donated art to the General Assembly in the form of a joint
16 resolution introduced during an annual legislative session; and

17 WHEREAS, The State Capitol Building Advisory Committee, the
18 Capital Development Committee, and the Governor have approved a plan
19 for placement of a bronze sculpture and an accompanying explanatory
20 plaque on the State Capitol grounds, the boundaries of which are
21 described in section 24-82-108 (3)(a), Colorado Revised Statutes, subject
22 to the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee approving the final
23 design and the specific location; and

24 WHEREAS, The proposed language for the explanatory plaque
25 reads as follows: "At daybreak, November 29, 1864, Colorado US
26 Volunteers attacked a Cheyenne and Arapaho village at Sand Creek in
27 southeastern Colorado Territory that had been guaranteed safety and
28 protection by the US Army. Cheyenne chief Black Kettle flew an
29 American flag and a white flag of truce over his lodge - yet the 675
30 troops, supported by four howitzers, swept the village killing 230
31 Cheyenne and Arapaho - mostly women, children, babies, and the elderly
32 and wounding another 200. But for the courageous action of two veteran
33 battalion company commanders, Capt. Silas S. Soule and Lt. Joseph A.
34 Cramer, who ordered their companies to stand down and not fire, the
35 entire village of 750 would have been annihilated. Soldiers then mutilated
36 the dead, carrying "trophies" to Denver to display them at a theater
37 production. The Sand Creek Massacre opened full-scale war on the
38 western plains. Thirty-three chiefs were present at Sand Creek; of these

1 18 were killed:

- 2 Chief Crow (Cheyenne)
- 3 Spotted Crow (Cheyenne)
- 4 Left Hand (Arapaho)
- 5 Bosse (Arapaho)
- 6 Heap of Buffalo (Arapaho)
- 7 Bear Man (Cheyenne)
- 8 Warbonnet (Cheyenne)
- 9 Lone Bear, aka One Eye (Cheyenne)
- 10 Yellow Wolf (Cheyenne)
- 11 Bear Tongue (Cheyenne)
- 12 White Antelope (Cheyenne)
- 13 Little Robe (Cheyenne)
- 14 Sand Hill (Cheyenne)
- 15 Left Hand (Cheyenne)
- 16 Two Thighs (Cheyenne)
- 17 Red Arm (Cheyenne)
- 18 Tall Bull (Cheyenne)
- 19 Black Horse (Cheyenne)
- 20 Cutlip Bear (Cheyenne)

21 The Sand Creek National Historic Site is located in Kiowa County
22 near Eads, CO."; and

23 WHEREAS, The sculpture and the plaque would serve to
24 memorialize the victims of the Sand Creek Massacre of November 29,
25 1864; now, therefore,

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

28 That we, the members of the General Assembly, do hereby
29 approve of the plan recommended by the State Capitol Building Advisory
30 Committee, the Capital Development Committee, and the Governor for
31 the installation of the sculpture and the accompanying explanatory plaque
32 on the State Capitol grounds.

33 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be
34 transmitted to the Governor, the State Capitol Building Advisory
35 Committee, the Capital Development Committee, the One Earth Future
36 Foundation, and the Arsenault Family Foundation.