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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 15-026

101 **CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR THE MARINE CORPS SCHOLARSHIP**
102 **FOUNDATION.**

1 WHEREAS, Since the founding of our country, the United States
2 military has performed services critical to the security of our great nation;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, The United States Marine Corps, one of the oldest
5 branches of the nation's military establishment, has always been central
6 to these services; and

7 WHEREAS, Veterans of the Marine Corps have consistently made
8 personal sacrifices, up to and including their lives, in order to preserve the
9 United States of America; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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1 WHEREAS, Family members of these veterans have also
2 consistently made significant sacrifices in order to support the veterans;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Many of the children of these Marines and their
5 families do not have the means to afford the costs of higher education in
6 order to honor their parents and to prepare themselves to make further
7 contributions to their country; and

8 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado, since receiving statehood in
9 1876, has contributed men and women to play active roles in the defense
10 of their country, often at great personal cost; and

11 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado always has a significant need
12 for capable, ambitious, and patriotic citizens who are properly trained to
13 lead our state and nation into the future; and

14 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation was
15 founded in 1962 with the express purpose of providing financial
16 assistance for postsecondary education for the children of United States
17 Marine veterans and for the children of United States Navy Corpsmen
18 who have served with Marines; and

19 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation has since
20 grown to be the nation's oldest and largest provider of need-based
21 scholarships for military children; and

22 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation has
23 provided more than 33,000 scholarships to young men and women at a
24 value exceeding \$90 million; and

25 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation in
26 2014-2015 offered assistance to 2,200 students in the United States,
27 including 50 students in Colorado; and

28 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation offers
29 funds for any qualified type of formal postsecondary training, including
30 certified trade schools and special academies; and

31 WHEREAS, The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation provides
32 special consideration to the children of qualified veterans who have been
33 severely wounded or killed since September 11, 2001; and

1 WHEREAS, The scholarship funds provided by the Marine Corps
2 Scholarship Foundation make it possible for virtually all of these students
3 to receive the benefits of post-secondary education, thus contributing to
4 the development of future leaders of our state, our country, and our
5 society; now, therefore,

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

8 That we, the members of the Seventieth General Assembly of the
9 State of Colorado, proudly recognize and support the Marine Corps
10 Scholarship Foundation for its continuing focus on the betterment of the
11 state of Colorado by providing educational opportunities for the children
12 of United States Marines and for the children of United States Navy
13 Corpsmen who have served with Marines and indirectly providing
14 support for all licensed postsecondary educational institutions in the state
15 of Colorado; and

16 That we encourage all the state's citizens to support this foundation
17 and education in general, and also the many sponsors who make it
18 possible for the foundation to help these students achieve their maximum
19 potential and to patriotically serve their state and their nation.