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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 02-003

101 CONCERNING AFFIRMATION OF THE RESPONSE BY THE UNITED STATES
102 GOVERNMENT TO THE THREAT OF TERRORISM.

1 WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, the United States was
2 viciously and heinously attacked by Islamic extremist terrorists; and

3 WHEREAS, These terrorist attacks caused great loss of life to
4 American citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, The September 11th terrorist attacks, as well as the
6 1993 terrorist attacks against the World Trade Center towers, the 1995
7 bombing of the Oklahoma City Federal Building, and the recent
8 introduction of anthrax into the national postal service system
9 demonstrate that the United States is vulnerable to terrorist attacks in
10 many forms; and

11 WHEREAS, In response to the present threat of terrorism against
12 the United States, the President of the United States, the Attorney General
13 of the United States, and Congress have instituted several initiatives to
14 prevent terrorist activities; and

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 WHEREAS, Initiatives such as holding military tribunals overseas
2 for terrorism suspects who are not United States citizens, refusing
3 prisoner of war status to enemy fighters captured in Afghanistan, helping
4 individuals who provide information to the United States government
5 regarding terrorist activities to obtain United States visas, monitoring mail
6 and voice communications between prisoners suspected of terrorism and
7 their attorneys, and detaining non-citizens indefinitely if such persons are
8 deemed to be threats to national security, are important tools that the
9 United States government may use in the fight against terrorism; and

10 WHEREAS, The United States government has determined that
11 such measures are well grounded in historical precedent, consistent with
12 constitutional safeguards and international law, and vital to protecting the
13 safety and welfare of the citizens of the United States and protecting the
14 country against future terrorist attacks; now, therefore,

15 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-third General Assembly*
16 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

17 (1) That the General Assembly supports the efforts of the United
18 States government being employed to discover and punish those
19 responsible for terrorist activities before such activities harm citizens of
20 the United States.

21 (2) That the General Assembly affirms that the anti-terrorism
22 initiatives of President George W. Bush, the United States Justice
23 Department under Attorney General John Ashcroft, and the United States
24 Congress are appropriate and necessary for the protection of Colorado
25 citizens against acts and threatened acts of terrorism.

26 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this resolution be sent to
27 President George W. Bush, United States Attorney General John
28 Ashcroft, and each member of Colorado's congressional delegation.