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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 02-020**

101 **CONCERNING THE RESOLUTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO HONOR**  
102 **THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY URBAN**  
103 **SEARCH AND RESCUE TEAM - COLORADO TASK FORCE 1.**

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1 WHEREAS, On September 11, 2001, our country faced the single  
2 most horrific act of terrorism in the history of the United States; and

3 WHEREAS, As with every other challenge that the United States  
4 has faced, our country has responded to the terrorist attack with resolve,  
5 dedication, and courage; and

6 WHEREAS, There is no better example of the virtues of resolve,  
7 dedication, and courage than those found in the response of the public  
8 safety personnel that were mobilized to assist the City of New York in its  
9 time of need; and

10 WHEREAS, The Federal Emergency Management Agency Urban  
11 Search and Rescue Team - Colorado Task Force 1 assisted in responding  
12 to the urgent public needs occasioned by the terrorist attack and aided the  
13 valiant efforts of the police, fire, and rescue personnel in the City of New

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1 York; and

2 WHEREAS, The Task Force consists of one hundred forty  
3 members from Colorado's fire departments, hospitals, government  
4 agencies, and private sector, representing all facets of American culture,  
5 of which sixty-two members answered the call of our nation and brought  
6 with them four highly trained and indispensable rescue dogs and over  
7 forty thousand pounds of equipment to assist in the rescue efforts; and

8 WHEREAS, The Task Force was formed in 1991 and was certified  
9 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in 1996; and

10 WHEREAS, The Task Force has participated in many of the most  
11 dangerous rescue operations in Colorado and the west, including rescues  
12 after hurricanes have devastated coastal areas and the rescue efforts after  
13 the terrorist bombing in Oklahoma City in 1996; and

14 WHEREAS, Due to the reputation of the Task Force, it was called  
15 upon to be present at the 1996 and 2000 Olympic games; and

16 WHEREAS, Many of the Task Force members have served for its  
17 entire ten year history, using their skills as firefighters and rescue  
18 personnel to protect and aid the citizens of Colorado, and used these same  
19 skills to meet the needs of the people of the City of New York at a time  
20 of national disaster and mourning; now, therefore,

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

23 That we, the members of the General Assembly, join the rest of a  
24 grateful nation in saluting the quiet bravery and fortitude of the men and  
25 women of the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team - Colorado Task  
26 Force 1 in the face of the tragedy of September 11. Today we stand as  
27 a state and a nation, united in our sincere admiration and respect for the  
28 members of the task force and all that they represent. The pride that each  
29 task force member must feel in a job well done is returned in kind by the  
30 pride that we, as a state, have in them and their organization.

31 *Be It Further Resolved,* That the State of Colorado thanks  
32 Colorado Task Force 1 for its sacrifice and efforts and pledges never to  
33 forget the work it has accomplished.

34 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be  
35 sent to the Federal Emergency Management Agency and to each member  
36 of the FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team - Colorado Task Force 1.