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SENATE SPONSORSHIP

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

Senate Committees

House Committees

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 02-013

101 CONCERNING HONORING THE COLORADO MOUNTED RANGERS.

1 WHEREAS, The Colorado Mounted Rangers have served and
2 protected the territory and the state of Colorado since 1861; and

3 WHEREAS, The Colorado Mounted Rangers, previously known
4 as the Colorado Rangers, comprised the first law enforcement agency in
5 the new territory of Colorado; and

6 WHEREAS, The Colorado Rangers were called upon by the state's
7 Governors to protect the state during the mining strikes and the
8 Prohibition period; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1923, the Colorado Rangers were disbanded,
10 leaving Colorado without a statewide law enforcement organization until
11 the Colorado State Patrol was formed; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1941, by request of then Governor Teller
13 Ammons, a volunteer group in Bailey, Colorado, formed the Colorado
14 Mounted Rangers whose primary function was to promote the state of
15 Colorado by holding livestock shows and appearing on radio shows 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 in motion pictures; and

2 WHEREAS, Today, the Colorado Mounted Rangers assist the
3 Office of Emergency Management; train with and assist the Colorado
4 Office of Preparedness and Security; provide security in emergency
5 situations such as airline disasters, search and rescue operations, and
6 forest fires; and provide assistance to local, state, and federal authorities
7 as requested; and

8 WHEREAS, The Colorado Mounted Rangers have assisted in
9 natural disasters such as the Big Thompson Flood and the Black Ridge
10 Fire; and

11 WHEREAS, While conducting searches and rescues over the last
12 20 years, the Colorado Mounted Rangers have saved the lives of many
13 lost and injured mountain climbers and bikers; and

14 WHEREAS, In the last year, the Colorado Mounted Rangers
15 volunteered over 10,000 hours of devoted service to the people of
16 Colorado; now, therefore,

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

19 That we, the members of the Sixty-third General Assembly,
20 recognize and honor the countless hours of dedicated service the
21 Colorado Mounted Rangers have given to the state of Colorado since
22 1861.