



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 03-1039

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also SENATOR(S) Lamborn, Anderson, Andrews, Arnold, Cairns, Chlouber, Dyer, Entz, Evans, Fitz-Gerald, Gordon, Groff, Grossman, Hagedorn, Hanna, Hillman, Isgar, Johnson S., Jones, Keller, Kester, Linkhart, May R., McElhany, Nichol, Owen, Phillips, Reeves, Sandoval, Takis, Tapia, Taylor, Teck, Tupa, and Windels.

CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY.

WHEREAS, On March 31, 2003, the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the United Veterans Committee will sponsor a veterans commemorative event at the Colorado State Capitol in honor of Military Appreciation Day; and

WHEREAS, Colorado has a proud and distinguished history of dedicated military service by men and women of this state whose sacrifice, courage, and heroism preserve for past, present, and future generations the liberties and democratic way of life set forth in our state and national constitutions; and

WHEREAS, This service is manifested in the significant number of medals of honor accredited to service members from the state of Colorado, medals awarded to personnel "For Conspicuous Gallantry and Intrepidity in Action At the Risk of Life Above and Beyond the Call of Duty"; and

WHEREAS, The state of Colorado significantly benefits from the presence and military service of the more than 40,000 men and women of the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, and their Reserves, and the Colorado National Guard and the Civil Air Patrol at military institutions, offices, and bases throughout Colorado; and

WHEREAS, In these times of great conflict in the Middle East, it is particularly appropriate to recognize the Coloradans in all branches and components of the Armed Services who selflessly serve around the world today to protect the security and peace of our nation and other nations; and

WHEREAS, In addition to active members of the Armed Services, Colorado is the proud home to and the beneficiary of more than 460,000 military veterans who have served their country long and well and bring great honor and distinction to the state; and

WHEREAS, Colorado is home not only to active duty service personnel and veterans, but also home to countless family members of such men and women, family members who, like their kin, display dedication, sacrifice, and courage; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated mothers, like those currently residing in Colorado, founded American Gold Star Mothers, Inc., in 1929, an organization composed of mothers who have lost a son or daughter in service to the nation, that works to develop and keep alive a spirit of service to our world, foster a sense of individual obligation, maintain ties of fellowship and assist in further patriotic work, and promote peace and goodwill for the United States and all other nations; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

That we, the members of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly, hereby extend our heartfelt gratitude to our state's veterans, past and present, to all military men and women currently serving in the Armed Services, and to the family members of active duty personnel and veterans, and encourage the citizens of Colorado to join in the celebration of Colorado Military Appreciation Day on March 31, 2003, in recognition and honor of the thousands of fellow citizens who have put on a military uniform in order to protect and serve their community, state, and country.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this joint resolution be sent to each of the senior commanders of active duty units and National Guard units located in the State of Colorado; to Marvin Meyers, President of the United Veterans Committee to forward to each member non-profit veterans service organization; to Dorothy Oxendine, National President of American Gold Star Mothers; and to each member of Colorado's congressional delegation.

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