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HOUSE Joint Resolution

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Singer and Buck,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

SHORT TITLE: "Flood Recovery Efforts Recognition"

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

101 CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF FLOOD RECOVERY EFFORTS
102 THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, The September 2013 flood was a devastating natural
2 disaster; and

3 WHEREAS, Ten lives were lost and many more imperiled as a
4 result of the flood; and

5 WHEREAS, Local, state, and national fire and rescue personnel
6 put their own lives at risk to assist those in need of rescue; and

7 WHEREAS, Civilian volunteers also put their own lives at risk to
8 assist those in need of rescue; and

*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 WHEREAS, Many people in the affected areas suffered
2 irreparable damage to their homes or livelihoods; and

3 WHEREAS, Many communities suffered significant damage to
4 roads and bridges and to power, communications, and water and sewer
5 systems; and

6 WHEREAS, The National Guard, the Colorado Department of
7 Transportation, and untold other government, private, and volunteer
8 organizations have worked swiftly and tirelessly to restore access to those
9 dispossessed by the flood and its aftermath; and

10 WHEREAS, The Colorado Department of Public Safety, through
11 its Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management,
12 organized mission assignments, resource management, and logistics for
13 flood recovery efforts; coordinated emergency response efforts of other
14 agencies, including the National Guard and the Colorado Department of
15 Transportation; worked closely with the Federal Emergency Management
16 Agency; and, through the Colorado State Patrol, provided security and
17 participated in emergency operations; and

18 WHEREAS, The Commissioners of Adams, Boulder, Chaffee,
19 Clear Creek, Denver, El Paso, Fremont, Gilpin, Jefferson, Lake, Larimer,
20 Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Otero, Park, Prowers, Pueblo, Sedgwick,
21 Washington, and Weld counties and the mayors and other city officials of
22 the affected communities have worked tirelessly to assist individuals,
23 families, and businesses impacted by the flood and to address the damage
24 done to residential homes, businesses, and infrastructure in their
25 communities; and

26 WHEREAS, Colorado's state and local governments, the federal
27 government, private sector organizations, and faith-based and other
28 nonprofit volunteer organizations, as well as countless individuals, have
29 worked tirelessly to assist individuals, families, and businesses impacted
30 by the flood and to address damage done to homes, businesses, and
31 infrastructure; now, therefore,

32 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth*
33 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

34 (1) That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly,

1 proudly recognize and commend:

2 (a) The vibrant Colorado spirit that brought neighbors out to help
3 neighbors;

4 (b) The local, state, and federal governments for their swift action
5 in saving both human and animal lives and in restoring infrastructure;

6 (c) Local, national, and international businesses for their
7 assistance in the flood recovery efforts; and

8 (d) Faith-based and other nonprofit relief organizations from
9 around the world that have worked tirelessly to rebuild communities and
10 shelter families.

11 (2) That the recovery effort is not over and that we, the members
12 of the Colorado General Assembly, must continue to be mindful of and
13 address the needs of the victims of this event and future catastrophic
14 events.

15 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
16 to President Barack Obama; the Honorable Governor John Hickenlooper;
17 Rick Raemisch, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of
18 Corrections; Robert K. Hammond, the Commissioner of Education;
19 Reggie Bicha, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of
20 Human Services; Reeves Brown, the Executive Director of the Colorado
21 Department of Local Affairs; Mike King, the Executive Director of the
22 Colorado Department of Natural Resources; Dr. Larry Wolk, the
23 Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer of the Colorado
24 Department of Public Health and Environment; James H. Davis, the
25 Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Safety; Donald
26 E. Hunt, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of
27 Transportation; Major General H. Michael Edwards, the Adjutant General
28 of Colorado for the Colorado National Guard; and the members of the
29 Colorado Congressional Delegation.

