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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 23-1012

101 **CONCERNING HONORING COLORADO VETERANS ON THE**
102 **SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR**
103 **II.**

1 WHEREAS, During the years 1941 to 1945, some 250,000 of
2 Colorado's sons and daughters served in World War II, and of those, over
3 3,500 were killed in action or from wounds suffered on the battlefield;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Of the 3,586 Coloradans who gave the last full
6 measure of devotion, offering their lives so that others might live freely,
7 over half never came home, their remains unrecovered or buried in
8 American military cemeteries around the world; and

9 WHEREAS, The State of Colorado has a rich history of service in

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1 World War II as home of the famed 10th Mountain Division, which
2 trained in the Colorado Rockies at Camp Hale on Tennessee Pass, and the
3 Colorado National Guard's 157th Infantry Regiment, which spent 511
4 days in continuous combat during World War II, including four
5 amphibious landings. Under the command of Captain Felix Sparks, the
6 157th Infantry Regiment liberated the Dachau concentration camp.
7 Members of both units from Colorado are honored on the Colorado
8 Freedom Memorial in Aurora; and

9 WHEREAS, The Colorado Freedom Memorial, dedicated in 2013,
10 honors all Colorado veterans killed in action since the Spanish-American
11 War, and all 3,586 of those killed in World War II are included, making
12 the Colorado Freedom Memorial the only memorial in Colorado to honor
13 all of our fallen, by name, in one place; and

14 WHEREAS, The Colorado Freedom Memorial pays tribute to the
15 men and women of Colorado who served in World War II, those who
16 gave all, and those who returned home to build Colorado into the
17 beautiful state it is today; now, therefore,

18 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
19 *Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate*
20 *concurring herein:*

21 That we, the General Assembly, in recognition of the heroic efforts
22 and great sacrifice of World War II veterans from Colorado and across
23 the United States, hereby recognize this commemoration of the 78th
24 anniversary of the end of World War II and encourage support throughout
25 the Senate and the House of Representatives.