



## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14-009

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CONCERNING THE COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, HONORING GUARD MEMBERS FOR THEIR FIREFIGHTING EFFORTS.

WHEREAS, Since 1860, the men and women of the Colorado Army National Guard and Air National Guard have served our country in wartime and peace, "always ready, always there", as the first military responders to domestic emergencies affecting our communities, this state, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, The frequency and severity of wildfires in Colorado is increasing, and when large wildfires occur in Colorado, members of the Colorado Army National Guard and Air National Guard are frequently called upon to assist civil authorities in their firefighting efforts; and

WHEREAS, During the past two years, more than 120 members of the Colorado Army National Guard and Air National Guard have received

training in wildland firefighting and have been equipped to support wildland fire suppression efforts; and

WHEREAS, Members of the Colorado Army National Guard and Air National Guard have been called upon to assist firefighting efforts at many fires across the state, including the High Park fire in Larimer county, the Waldo Canyon fire in El Paso county, the Fern Lake fire in Larimer county, the Black Forest fire in El Paso county, the East Peak fire in Huerfano county, the Lime Gulch fire in Jefferson county, and the West Fork Fire Complex in southern Colorado; and

WHEREAS, On June 11, 2013, 14 soldiers of the Colorado Army National Guard's 1157th Engineer Firefighter Company joined more than 120 other members of the Colorado Army National Guard and Air National Guard who were assisting civil authorities with firefighting support at the Black Forest fire in El Paso county; and

WHEREAS, On June 22, 2013, 75 members of the Colorado National Guard mobilized to fight the ongoing fire activity in Colorado, and 15 members of the Colorado Army National Guard's 1-157th Infantry Battalion joined an Interagency Type II Handcrew and deployed to the East Peak fire in Huerfano county and spent 5 days securing the line on this fire; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

(1) Commend the men and women of the Colorado National Guard who have tirelessly assisted civil authorities with wildfire suppression and support;

(2) Extend our deep gratitude to the brave and admirable service of the Colorado National Guard; and

(3) Affirm that the Colorado National Guard fulfills its motto of "always ready, always there".

*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to

Governor John Hickenlooper; Major General H. Michael Edwards, The Adjutant General for Colorado; Brigadier General Peter Byrne, Director of Joint Staff; Michael Hunt, Deputy Executive Director, Colorado Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; General Frank J. Grass, Chief of the National Guard Bureau; and Paul Cooke, Director of the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control.

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