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INTERIM Committee Resolution

Wildfire Matters Review Committee

SHORT TITLE: "Honor Colorado National Guard"

INTERIM COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

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

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

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

10 WHEREAS, During the past two years, more than 120 members  
11 of the Colorado Army National Guard and Air National Guard have  
12 received training in wildland firefighting and have been equipped to  
13 support wildland fire suppression efforts; and

14 WHEREAS, Members of the Colorado Army National Guard and  
15 Air National Guard have been called upon to assist firefighting efforts at  
16 many fires across the state, including the High Park fire in Larimer  
17 county, the Waldo Canyon fire in El Paso county, the Fern Lake fire in  
18 Larimer county, the Black Forest fire in El Paso county, the East Peak fire

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

1 in Huerfano county, the Lime Gulch fire in Jefferson county, and the  
2 West Fork Fire Complex in southern Colorado; and

3 WHEREAS, On June 11, 2013, 14 soldiers of the Colorado Army  
4 National Guard's 1157th Engineer Firefighter Company joined more than  
5 120 other members of the Colorado Army National Guard and Air  
6 National Guard who were assisting civil authorities with firefighting  
7 support at the Black Forest fire in El Paso county; and

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

14 *Be It Resolved by the [redacted] of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly of the*  
15 *State of Colorado, the [redacted] concurring herein:*

16 That we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly:

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

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

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

24 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
25 to Governor John Hickenlooper; Major General H. Michael Edwards, The  
26 Adjutant General for Colorado; Brigadier General Peter Byrne, Director  
27 of Joint Staff; Michael Hunt, Deputy Executive Director, Colorado  
28 Department of Military and Veterans Affairs; General Frank J. Grass,  
29 Chief of the National Guard Bureau; and Paul Cooke, Director of the  
30 Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control.