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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 15-1009

101 CONCERNING THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PARTNERSHIP
102 BETWEEN THE COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD AND THE
103 JORDANIAN ARMED FORCES, EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES
104 OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE FAMILY OF CAPTAIN
105 AL-KASASBEH AND CONDEMNING THE TERRORIST ACTS OF THE
106 ISLAMIC STATE OF IRAQ AND THE LEVANT.

1 WHEREAS, The Colorado National Guard participates in the
2 National Guard Bureau's State Partnership Program, which for more than
3 20 years has provided opportunities for unique collaborations and
4 capacity-building capabilities between the United States and foreign
5 countries by creating strong bilateral relationships directly between a
6 state's National Guard and a foreign military partner; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
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SENATE
Final Reading
February 6, 2015

HOUSE
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January 30, 2015

1 WHEREAS, The Colorado National Guard has successfully
2 partnered with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan since 2004; and

3 WHEREAS, This mutually beneficial relationship has included
4 exchanges among soldiers, airmen, political leaders, and citizens of the
5 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and the state of Colorado; and

6 WHEREAS, Members of the Colorado National Guard and the
7 Jordanian Armed Forces have benefitted from sharing their unique skills
8 and experiences regarding important issues, including cyber defense and
9 security, the leadership of women in the armed forces, non-commissioned
10 officer development, and aviation safety; and

11 WHEREAS, The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan has been a vital
12 ally to the United States in the Global War on Terror; and

13 WHEREAS, May 2014 marked the tenth anniversary of the
14 thriving partnership between the Colorado National Guard and the
15 Jordanian Armed Forces; and

16 WHEREAS, This enduring and strategic partnership continues to
17 grow and strengthen; and

18 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado recognizes Captain Moath
19 al-Kasasbeh, who selflessly served as a First Lieutenant in the Royal
20 Jordanian Air Force and embodied the mission of the Royal Jordanian Air
21 Force to protect and defend the sovereignty and integrity of the
22 Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; and

23 WHEREAS, First Lieutenant Moath al-Kasasbeh sacrificed his life
24 in service to the Global War on Terror, was brutally and publicly
25 murdered in violation of all norms of international law and human
26 decency, and was posthumously promoted to the rank of captain; and

27 WHEREAS, The Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) is a
28 terrorist organization responsible for capturing and assassinating citizens
29 of the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, deepening the
30 suffering of the region, and inciting international terrorism; and

31 WHEREAS, ISIL has carried out despicable atrocities targeting
32 Muslims and religious and ethnic minorities in the region for
33 enslavement, torture, and massacre; and

1 WHEREAS, ISIL continues to hold hostages in deliberate
2 violation of international law; and

3 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado resolutely condemns the
4 appalling acts committed by ISIL, including indiscriminate assassination
5 of civilians, persecution of individuals on the basis of religious beliefs,
6 mutilation and killing of children, violent attacks on schools and
7 hospitals, the destruction of cultural and religious sites, and the
8 obstruction of social and cultural rights; and

9 WHEREAS, The state of Colorado underlines the responsibility of
10 United States military partners to protect civilian populations in
11 accordance with their obligations under international law; now,
12 therefore,".

13 Page 2, line 20, after "work." add "Concurrently, we express our
14 condolences for the loss of Captain Moath al-Kasasbeh and condemn the
15 continued barbaric acts of violence committed by ISIL.

16 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventieth*
17 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

18 That we, the members of the Seventieth General Assembly,
19 recognize the tenth anniversary of the partnership between the Colorado
20 National Guard and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan and extend our
21 gratitude for their important work.

22 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
23 to Governor John Hickenlooper; Secretary of State John Kerry; Deputy
24 Secretary of Defense Robert O. Work; Dr. Alia Hatoug-Bouran,
25 Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United States;
26 Alice G. Wells, United States Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of
27 Jordan; General Frank J. Grass, Chief of the National Guard Bureau;
28 Maj. Gen. H. Michael Edwards, the Adjutant General of Colorado; and
29 Broomfield Veterans Memorial Museum.