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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 06-1035

101 CONCERNING THE PROPOSED EXPANSION OF THE PINON CANYON
102 MANEUVER SITE.

1 WHEREAS, In terms of land use for military training, the Pinon
2 Canyon Maneuver Site (PCMS) in southeastern Colorado, combined with
3 Fort Carson's other training sites, is second in size only to the National
4 Training Center in California; and

5 WHEREAS, The Department of the Army has begun to assess the
6 need to expand its land holdings surrounding the PCMS; and

7 WHEREAS, In weighing options for the procurement of such
8 additional space, the Department of the Army has considered using its
9 condemnation powers to obtain hundreds of thousands of acres of land;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Commissioners from the surrounding southeastern
12 Colorado counties, which counties include Otero, Bent, Baca, and Las
13 Animas, are concerned that the Army's expansion into their counties'
14 lands would cause undue hardship to the region and its local citizens by
15 way of lost property, historical value, and available employment; and

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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HOUSE
Final Reading
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1 WHEREAS, Local ranchers affected by the PCMS expansion, in
2 addition to the forced sale of valuable land, would be forced to sell
3 hundreds of thousands of head of cattle, and the unmitigated economic
4 impact of losing such a self-sustaining source of revenue would have a
5 permanent effect on the local community; and

6 WHEREAS, In support of local landowners' private property
7 rights, Senator Wayne Allard and Representative John Salazar have stated
8 that they are in favor of an agreement between the Army and the affected
9 counties, whereby the Army would collaborate with the local counties to
10 determine the efficacy of the expansion and, if feasible, would purchase
11 the necessary land at fair market value with full consideration of the
12 economic impact into perpetuity; now, therefore,

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

15 1. That we, the members of the General Assembly, support our
16 troops and desire that they receive the best possible training so that they
17 may defend our nation; and

18 2. That the Department of the Army, commissioners from Otero,
19 Bent, Baca, and Las Animas Counties in southeastern Colorado, and the
20 concerned public should work together to devise a plan to accommodate
21 both the needs of our military and the wishes of the surrounding
22 communities.

23 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
24 to the County Commissioners for Otero, Bent, Baca, and Las Animas
25 Counties; Francis J. Harvey, Secretary of the United States Army; Major
26 General Robert W. Mixon, Commanding General of Fort Carson;
27 Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works John Paul Woodley; and
28 the members of Colorado's Congressional delegation.