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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-008

101 **CONCERNING HONORING COLORADO'S 2026 WINTER OLYMPIANS AND**
102 **PARALYMPIANS.**

1 WHEREAS, The Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games
2 represent the highest level of international athletic competition,
3 celebrating excellence, perseverance, sportsmanship, and the unifying
4 power of sport; and

5 WHEREAS, Colorado has long been a national leader in winter
6 sports, with world-class mountain terrain, training facilities, and a strong
7 outdoor recreation culture that help develop athletes capable of competing
8 on the international stage; and

9 WHEREAS, Athletes from Colorado who qualified for the 2026
10 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games demonstrate extraordinary

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1 dedication, discipline, and resilience, often training for years while
2 balancing education, employment, and commitments to their families and
3 communities; and

4 WHEREAS, While wearing the uniform of the United States of
5 America and competing before a global audience, Colorado's Olympic
6 and Paralympic athletes proudly represent our nation with honor and
7 distinction, serving as ambassadors for American values including
8 perseverance, teamwork, fair competition, and respect for others while
9 also representing the state of Colorado and their hometowns, many of
10 them rural and mountain communities; and

11 WHEREAS, Colorado is home to nationally and internationally
12 recognized training facilities that support elite athletic development,
13 including the U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Training Center in Colorado
14 Springs, the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Team training center at Copper
15 Mountain in Summit County, and numerous additional venues across the
16 state that are regularly used by U.S. Olympic and Paralympic teams; and

17 WHEREAS, The following athletes, each of whom has a
18 meaningful connection to the state of Colorado, qualified for and are
19 competing in the 2026 Olympic or Paralympic Winter Games:

- 20 ● Annika Belshaw, Steamboat Springs, Ski Jumping;
- 21 ● Chase Blackwell, Longmont, Snowboarding;
- 22 ● Jake Canter, Silverthorne, Snowboarding;
- 23 ● Jason Colby, Steamboat Springs, Ski Jumping;
- 24 ● Lily Dhawornvej, Copper Mountain, Snowboarding;
- 25 ● Alex Ferreira, Aspen, Freestyle Skiing;
- 26 ● Stacy Gaskill, Golden, Snowboarding;
- 27 ● Red Gerard, Silverthorne, Snowboarding;
- 28 ● Birk Irving, Winter Park, Freestyle Skiing;
- 29 ● Svea Irving, Winter Park, Freestyle Skiing;
- 30 ● Riley Jacobs, Oak Creek, Freestyle Skiing;
- 31 ● Tess Johnson, Vail, Freestyle Skiing;
- 32 ● Malik Jones, Aurora, Sled Hockey;
- 33 ● Lauren Jortberg, Boulder, Cross-Country Skiing;
- 34 ● Ellie Kam, Colorado Springs, Figure Skating;
- 35 ● Elizabeth Lemley, Vail, Freestyle Skiing;
- 36 ● Niklas Malacinski, Steamboat Springs, Nordic Combined;
- 37 ● Oliver Martin, Vail, Snowboarding;
- 38 ● Charlie Mickel, Durango, Freestyle Skiing;
- 39 ● Kyle Negomir, Littleton, Alpine Skiing;

- 1 ● Danny O'Shea, Colorado Springs, Figure Skating;
- 2 ● Jake Pates, Eagle, Snowboarding;
- 3 ● Hunter Powell, Fort Collins, Bobsled;
- 4 ● River Radamus, Edwards, Alpine Skiing;
- 5 ● Madeline Schaffrick, Steamboat Springs, Snowboarding;
- 6 ● Mikaela Shiffrin, Edwards, Alpine Skiing;
- 7 ● Jaccob Slavin, Erie, Ice Hockey;
- 8 ● Cam Smith, Crested Butte, Ski Mountaineering;
- 9 ● Hailey Swirbul, El Jebel, Cross-Country Skiing;
- 10 ● Lindsey Vonn, Vail, Alpine Skiing;
- 11 ● Landon Wendler, Steamboat Springs, Freestyle Skiing; and
- 12 ● Cody Winters, Steamboat Springs, Snowboarding; and

13 WHEREAS, The accomplishments of these athletes reflect not
14 only individual excellence, but also the extraordinary commitment and
15 sacrifice of their parents and families, as well as the strength of the
16 communities, training institutions, and public investments that support
17 athletic development in Colorado and across the United States; now,
18 therefore,

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

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

22 (1) Hereby honor and commend the Colorado athletes who
23 qualified for and are competing in the 2026 Olympic and Paralympic
24 Winter Games, recognizing their exceptional achievements and their
25 service in representing the United States of America and the state of
26 Colorado with honor on the world stage; and

27 (2) Express our sincere appreciation to the parents and families of
28 these athletes, whose unwavering support, sacrifice, and encouragement
29 made these achievements possible, as well as to the coaches, trainers,
30 support staff, communities, and training facilities across Colorado that
31 helped prepare these athletes to compete at the highest international level.

32 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
33 to each Colorado athlete who competes in the 2026 Olympic and
34 Paralympic Winter Games, with the congratulations and best wishes of
35 the Colorado General Assembly.