SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13-030

BY SENATOR(S) Cadman, Aguilar, Balmer, Baumgardner, Brophy, Carroll, Crowder, Giron, Grantham, Guzman, Harvey, Heath, Hill, Hodge, Hudak, Jahn, Johnston, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, King, Lambert, Lundberg, Marble, Newell, Nicholson, Renfroe, Roberts, Scheffel, Schwartz, Steadman, Tochtrop, Todd, Ulibarri, Morse;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) McNulty, Buck, Buckner, Conti, Coram, Court, DelGrosso, Dore, Duran, Everett, Exum, Fields, Fischer, Foote, Garcia, Gardner, Gerou, Ginal, Hamner, Holbert, Hullinghorst, Humphrey, Joshi, Kagan, Kraft-Tharp, Labuda, Landgraf, Lawrence, Lebsock, Lee, Levy, May, McCann, McLachlan, Melton, Mitsch Bush, Moreno, Murray, Navarro, Nordberg, Pabon, Peniston, Pettersen, Primavera, Priola, Rankin, Rosenthal, Ryden, Saine, Salazar, Schafer, Scott, Singer, Sonnenberg, Stephens, Swalm, Szabo, Tyler, Vigil, Waller, Williams, Wilson, Wright, Young, Ferrandino.

CONCERNING RECOGNITION OF SCOTT STRODE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, HONORING HIS WORK WITH PHOENIX MULTISPORT AND HIS NOMINATION FOR CNN'S HERO OF THE YEAR AWARD.

WHEREAS, Scott Strode, an accomplished tri-athlete, mountaineer, ice climber, outdoorsman, and recovering alcoholic, is the founder and executive director of Phoenix Multisport, which was launched in 2007 in Boulder, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Phoenix Multisport is based on Scott's own experience of discovering the transformative effect that a healthy, active lifestyle can have on long-term sobriety; and

WHEREAS, Phoenix Multisport is a nonprofit that has received national recognition as a leading peer-based organization dedicated to fostering a supportive, physically active community for individuals who are recovering from alcohol and substance abuse and those who choose to live a sober life; and

WHEREAS, Through pursuits such as climbing, hiking, running, strength training, yoga, road and mountain biking, CrossFit, boxing, socials, and other activities, Phoenix Multisport seeks to help their members develop and maintain the emotional strength they need to stay sober; and

WHEREAS, In five years of operation, Phoenix Multisport has served over 7,000 individuals, providing over 50 weekly activities in Denver, Boulder, and Colorado Springs, and, thanks to donor support, all of these activities are free; and

WHEREAS, As our nation's service men and women return home from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, many suffer from the trauma of combat and live with post-traumatic stress disorder, traumatic brain injury, and pain caused from other physical injuries and turn to alcohol or drugs to help ease their suffering; and

WHEREAS, Phoenix Multisport recognized the need to support our service men and women and veterans and created specific programs and events for this special community; and

WHEREAS, Phoenix also partners with drug courts and in-patient treatment programs to reach people who may be early in their recovery and to introduce them to a peer-led, sober, supportive community that offers a powerful message of hope; and

WHEREAS, Addiction is a disease that affects not only the addict but also millions of family members; and

WHEREAS, Addicts can be moms, dads, sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, other family members, or friends; and

WHEREAS, Scott Strode believes that, by working together, we can help struggling addicts and alcoholics rise from the ashes of their addiction; and

WHEREAS, Each year CNN news searches the globe to find everyday people changing the world who are making extraordinary contributions and a real difference in their communities; and

WHEREAS, In February of 2012, Scott Strode was selected as a CNN Hero, and in September, CNN announced that Scott was selected as a Top 10 CNN Hero; and

WHEREAS, Scott Strode, along with nine others from around the world, was recently recognized on the award-winning television show "CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute" for the extraordinary contributions these Heroes have made to their communities; 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, commend the work and achievements of Scott Strode and Phoenix Multisport and offer congratulations to Scott for his award as a Top 10 CNN Hero for 2012.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to President Barack Obama, Secretary Chuck Hagel, Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, Ambassador Marilyn Ware, Governor John Hickenlooper, Lieutenant Governor Garcia, Denver Mayor Michael Hancock, Denver Police Chief Robert White, Colorado's Congressional delegation, and Scott Strode.

John P. Morse PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE	Mark Ferrandino SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Cindi Markwell SECRETARY OF THE SENATE	Marilyn Eddins CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES