

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 26

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING JULY 19, 2026 AS JACK SLOCUM DAY

WHEREAS, Jack Slocum was born July 19, 1927 in Chicago, Illinois during the Great Depression to Mary and Jackson Slocum and will celebrate his 99th birthday in five days; and

WHEREAS, 13-year-old Jack Slocum graduated from Walter Scott school as Class President but was forced to leave high school after only two years to work to help support his mother and sister; and

WHEREAS, in 1945, 18-year-old Jack Slocum was drafted into the United States Army where he would serve his nation for the next 24 years during three wars - World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War. He retired from the Army in 1969 as Captain Jack Slocum; and

WHEREAS, Jack's military service to his nation began in 1945 as a Private clearing Japanese soldiers from the caves of Okinawa, it concluded in 1969 as a Captain teaching communications to West Point cadets at Fort Gordon, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Jack received his commission as an officer during the Tet Offensive in Vietnam where he was promoted from Sergeant Major to Captain; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the Army in 1969, Jack then had a second career at Pacific Bell for another 20 years.

WHEREAS, Jack moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado in 2006 where he and his wife spent time traveling across the country. Jack has a daughter, stepdaughter, two grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. He is loved by his friends and family and is a highly respected veteran.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. City Council recognizes July 19, 2026 as Jack Slocum Day in the City of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 14th day of July, 2026.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk