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**House of Representatives**  
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Mr. Daniels,

I'm writing to you about the selection of the National Medal of Honor Museum's home location. Colorado has a storied and revered relationship with our nation's veterans and those men and women who serve in uniform today. I respectfully request the due consideration of Pueblo, Colorado, as the potential location for the National Medal of Honor Museum.

The community of Pueblo, Colorado, is one rich in military history and service. In Pueblo's Medal of Honor Plaza stand four bronze statues of the four heroes from Pueblo who were awarded the Medal of Honor: Army Staff Sergeant Drew D. Dix (Vietnam, 1968); Army Private William Crawford (WWII, 1943); Marine Captain Carl Sitter (Korea, 1950); and Marine Lieutenant Raymond G. (Jerry) Murphy (Korea, 1953). In 1953, when awarding the Medal of Honor to Lieutenant Murphy, President Eisenhower remarked: "What is it . . . something in the water out there in Pueblo? All you guys turn out to be heroes!" In 1993, Congress cemented President Eisenhower's sentiment when it recognized the city of Pueblo as the "Home of Heroes." Due to this, Pueblo has had the privilege of hosting two Congressional Medal of Honor Society Conventions over the past 15 years. Both conventions were attended by over 35 living Medal of Honor recipients.

The Center for American Values is also located in Pueblo, co-founded by Pueblo's Medal of Honor recipient Drew Dix. The Center's mission is "to honor the extreme sacrifices made to help sustain America's values and to ensure these extraordinary actions are preserved... forever". Inside the Center's facilities is a collection of photographic portraits and documentations of over 140 Congressional Medal of Honor recipients.

Given its historical relationship with Medal of Honor recipients, Pueblo, Colorado, would be an appropriate and notable location for the National Medal of Honor Museum in support of its mission to recognize and honor those recipients of our nation's highest military honor. I look forward to your prompt attention to this matter and await your response.

Sincerely,



Scott R. Tipton  
Member of Congress