



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 21-1011

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also SENATOR(S) Simpson, Bridges, Buckner, Coleman, Cooke, Coram, Danielson, Donovan, Fenberg, Fields, Gardner, Ginal, Gonzales, Hisey, Holbert, Jaquez Lewis, Kirkmeyer, Kolker, Lee, Liston, Lundeen, Moreno, Pettersen, Priola, Rankin, Rodriguez, Scott, Smallwood, Sonnenberg, Story, Winter, Woodward, Zenzinger, Garcia.

CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 160 AS THE "DEPUTY TRAVIS RUSSELL AND DEPUTY SERGEANT MATTHEW TROY MORENO MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".

WHEREAS, Deputy Travis Russell of the Las Animas County Sheriff's department was killed in a rollover crash while on duty in Trinidad on Tuesday, March 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Russell was driving eastbound on Stonewall Avenue just west of Prospect Street when his vehicle veered into the westbound lanes and hit an unoccupied vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Russell's 2009 Ford Expedition rolled onto its passenger side; and

WHEREAS, Emergency crews transported Deputy Russell to Mount San Rafael Hospital in Trinidad, where he died; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Russell served with the Las Animas County Sheriff's Office for a total of 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Only a few years later, another Las Animas County Sheriff's Office deputy lost his life in a vehicle crash; and

WHEREAS, On Wednesday, December 12, 2018, Deputy Sergeant Matthew Troy Moreno was killed in a vehicle crash on Highway 12, near Valdez, while responding to a domestic incident at 8:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Moreno's patrol pickup and a second patrol vehicle both collided with a vehicle that was traveling in the opposite direction; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Moreno and the two occupants of the other vehicle, including an infant, all succumbed to their injuries, while a deputy in Sergeant Moreno's vehicle and the deputy in the second patrol car were both injured; and

WHEREAS, The investigation of the crash revealed that the vehicle that struck them was driving 96 mph in a 45 mph zone and its driver had excessive levels of intoxication at the time of the crash; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Moreno had served with the Las Animas County Sheriff's Office for five years; now, therefore,


Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-third General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:


(1) That the portion of United States Highway 160 from Mile Marker 347 to Mile Marker 348 be designated as the "Deputy Travis Russell and Deputy Sergeant Matthew Troy Moreno Memorial Highway".

(2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of the initial placement of signs to mark that portion of United States Highway 160 as the "Deputy Travis Russell and Deputy Sergeant Matthew Troy Moreno Memorial Highway".

(3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for Las Animas County for the maintenance of the signs marking the "Deputy Travis Russell and Deputy Sergeant Matthew Troy Moreno Memorial Highway".

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Deputy Russell's spouse, Meghan Russell, and his children Brenna, Evan, and Chloe; Sergeant Moreno's father Ed Moreno and mother Christine Dagnillo; Sergeant Moreno's fiancée Niccole Cordova; Eva Moreno, mother of Sergeant Moreno's children; and Sergeant Moreno's children Jared, Summer, and Morgan.


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