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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 19-1012

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF COLORADO STATE HIGHWAY 115**
102 **BETWEEN MILE MARKERS 7 AND 10.34 THROUGH THE CITY OF**
103 **FLORENCE AS THE "SFC RAY ADAM ARCHULETTA MEMORIAL**
104 **HIGHWAY".**

1 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Ray Adam Archuleta was born
2 in Florence, Colorado, on December 24, 1936; and

3 WHEREAS, SFC Archuleta enlisted in the United States Army
4 in 1954 at 18 years old; and

5 WHEREAS, SFC Archuleta had a lengthy career of military
6 service, and notably participated in a search and destroy mission near Tuy
7 Hoa, Vietnam, at the direction of the President of the United States, for
8 which he earned a Bronze Star in 1966; and

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HOUSE
Final Reading
April 12, 2019

1 WHEREAS, SFC Archuleta began his second tour in Vietnam on
2 March 10, 1967; and

3 WHEREAS, On September 7, 1967, as SFC Archuleta and his
4 platoon were moving a wounded man to a landing zone for extraction
5 from the battlefield, the platoon suddenly came under intense enemy fire;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, SFC Archuleta, upon seeing his machine-gunner
8 wounded and without regard to his own safety, ordered the gunner's
9 evacuation and rushed toward the enemy to provide covering fire; and

10 WHEREAS, When a medic was unable to carry the wounded man
11 under his own strength, SFC Archuleta again moved through enemy fire
12 to assist the evacuation to a wooded area nearby; and

13 WHEREAS, SFC Archuleta became seriously wounded in the gun
14 battle as they approached the wood line, and in one final act of valor sent
15 the medic and the wounded gunner on while he stayed behind to provide
16 covering fire; and

17 WHEREAS, For his years of military service and for making the
18 ultimate sacrifice, SFC Archuleta was awarded the Bronze Star for
19 Heroism, three Silver Stars, a Purple Heart, an Army Commendation
20 Medal, a National Defense Service Medal, a Vietnam Service Medal, and
21 a Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

22 WHEREAS, SFC Archuleta gave his life in the service of others,
23 and his sacrifice to his country should be remembered; and

24 WHEREAS, It is fitting that we honor the life and valor of such a
25 hero, so devoted to country, and who saved lives directly in the line of
26 duty; now, therefore,

27 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the
28 Seventy-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate
29 concurring herein:*

30 (1) That Colorado State Highway 115 between Mile Markers 7
31 and 10.34 through the city of Florence be designated as the "SFC Ray
32 Adam Archuleta Memorial Highway";

10 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
11 to LaCole Archuleta and the Board of County Commissioners of
12 Fremont County.