



## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21-020

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF THE OVERPASS OF STATE HIGHWAY 115 THAT CROSSES OVER UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 50 IN FREMONT COUNTY, COLORADO, AS THE "DEPUTY SHERIFF JASON SCHWARTZ MEMORIAL BRIDGE".

WHEREAS, Fremont County Deputy Sheriff Jason Schwartz was shot and killed in the line of duty on September 28, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Schwartz was murdered while transporting two arrestees to jail; and

WHEREAS, While being transported in the back of Deputy Sheriff Schwartz's patrol car, one of the two arrestees, who was in possession of two handguns and a makeshift handcuff key, was able to free himself; and

WHEREAS, The men shot Deputy Sheriff Schwartz four times through a gap in the patrol car's cage, then pulled his body from the

vehicle and shot him eight more times before fleeing; and

WHEREAS, In the terrorizing hours that followed, the arrestees went on to engage local law enforcement with active gunfire, wounding three of them; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Toby Bethel of the Florence Police Department was critically injured during an ambush, Chief Mike Ingle of the Florence Police Department was injured by flying glass debris while under fire, and Fremont County Sheriff Deputy Orozco was shot in the left arm; and

WHEREAS, Following an intensive manhunt, the killers were apprehended and subsequently sentenced to life in prison; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Schwartz had served with the Fremont County Sheriff's Department for one year and had served in law enforcement for four years; and

WHEREAS, At the time of the attack on Deputy Sheriff Schwartz, his patrol car was located under the overpass at State Highway 115 and United States Highway 50; and

WHEREAS, Each year, a small group of those who responded that day, including Deputy Sheriff Schwartz's wife and son, who was only two weeks old at the time of his father's murder, gather at the overpass for a moment of silence; and

WHEREAS, It is only fitting that Deputy Sheriff Schwartz's dedication and ultimate sacrifice be recognized so that we may never forget his service to the people of the state of Colorado; now, therefore,

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

(1) That the overpass of State Highway 115 that crosses over United States Highway 50 in Fremont County, Colorado, be designated as the "Deputy Sheriff Jason Schwartz Memorial Bridge".

(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 the overpass of State Highway 115 that crosses over United States Highway 50 in Fremont County, Colorado, as the "Deputy Sheriff Jason Schwartz Memorial Bridge".

(3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for Fremont County for the maintenance of the signs marking the "Deputy Sheriff Jason Schwartz Memorial Bridge".

*Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Sheryl Schwartz, the Fremont County Sheriff's Department, and the Board of County Commissioners for Fremont County.

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