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STATE OF COLORADO**

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HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Wilson,

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

(None),

House Committees

Senate Committees

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 19-1013

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF COLORADO STATE HIGHWAY 24**
102 **BETWEEN MILE MARKERS 209 AND 212 ON EACH END OF THE**
103 **TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO, AS THE "CORPORAL**
104 **EARNEST CLIFFORD SEXTON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".**

1 WHEREAS, November 11, 2018, was the 100th anniversary of the
2 end of World War I; and

3 WHEREAS, March 15, 2019, is the 100th anniversary of the
4 creation of the American Legion; and

5 WHEREAS, American Legion Post 55 in Buena Vista, Colorado,
6 is named in honor of World War I veteran Corporal Earnest Clifford
7 Sexton; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 WHEREAS, Corporal Sexton was born in 1889 and came to
2 Buena Vista at the age of ten; and

3 WHEREAS, When he was old enough, Corporal Sexton worked
4 in the mines and played baseball in Buena Vista and was the town's
5 pitcher and baseball idol; and

6 WHEREAS, Corporal Sexton was invited to tryout for the Chicago
7 White Sox, but World War I began and Corporal Sexton chose instead to
8 enlist in the United States Army; and

9 WHEREAS, Corporal Sexton, as a member of the H Company,
10 355th Infantry, had volunteered to help destroy an enemy machine gun
11 nest across the Meuse River near Stenay, France; and

12 WHEREAS, While on the mission, Corporal Sexton was killed in
13 action on November 9, 1918, two days before the armistice on November
14 11, 1918; and

15 WHEREAS, Corporal Sexton and his family are buried in Mt.
16 Olivet Cemetery in Buena Vista; and

17 WHEREAS, Corporal Sexton's funeral was one of only two times
18 in the history of Buena Vista that every business shut down; and

19 WHEREAS, Corporal Sexton is a war hero who gave his life for
20 his country and should be remembered in Buena Vista; now, therefore,

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

24 (1) That the portion of Colorado State Highway 24 between Mile
25 Markers 209 and 212 on each end of the town of Buena Vista, Colorado,
26 be designated as the "Corporal Earnest Clifford Sexton Memorial
27 Highway";

28 (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept
29 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purpose of the initial
30 placement of signs at Mile Markers 209 and 212 of Colorado State
31 Highway 24 for the "Corporal Earnest Clifford Sexton Memorial
32 Highway"; and

1 (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore
2 a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of
3 Chaffee County for the maintenance of the markings for the "Corporal
4 Earnest Clifford Sexton Memorial Highway".

5 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
6 to Darryl Atherton, Jan Quick, and to the Board of County
7 Commissioners of Chaffee County.