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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21-019**

101     **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF UNITED STATES**  
102         **HIGHWAY 138 AS THE "JACK ANNAN "MR. NJC" MEMORIAL**  
103         **HIGHWAY".**

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1             WHEREAS, John "Jack" L. Annan, affectionately known to many  
2         as "Mr. NJC", was born on May 17, 1933, in La Salle, Colorado, to John  
3         and Zua Annan; and

4             WHEREAS, Jack Annan was a highly educated man, having  
5         attended La Salle School through the ninth grade, graduating from  
6         College High School in Greeley in 1951, graduating from Colorado A&M  
7         College in 1955 with a degree in Vocational Agriculture, and earning his  
8         Master's Degree in Education in 1966; and

9             WHEREAS, Jack Annan met his wife Florence (Hoff) Annan in

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1 high school and she would become his wife on September 19, 1954. The  
2 inseparable couple would be together for 66 years; and

3 WHEREAS, After graduating from Colorado A&M, Jack Annan  
4 received an ROTC commission in the United States Army and went on to  
5 serve six months on active duty at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in  
6 Aberdeen, Maryland; and

7 WHEREAS, After earning his Master's Degree, Jack and Florence  
8 Annan moved to Sterling, Colorado, where Jack began teaching in the  
9 Northeastern Junior College (NJC) Agriculture Department, where he  
10 was instrumental in organizing the Aggies Club in 1968; and

11 WHEREAS, Jack Annan was loyal to the Northeastern Junior  
12 College, taking on the roles of Vocational Counselor in the admissions  
13 office in 1970 and part-time Executive Director of the NJC Alumni  
14 Association in 1996, and since 2000, he worked with a committee to  
15 organize the NJC Alumni Heritage Center, continuing to be a pillar of his  
16 community all the while; and

17 WHEREAS, Jack Annan was also instrumental in organizing the  
18 Colorado Young Farmers Educational Association where he served as  
19 Executive Secretary from its creation until 2015; and

20 WHEREAS, Jack Annan was a member of the Sterling Lions  
21 Club, a life-long member of the Sterling Elks Lodge, a member of the  
22 Sterling Masonic Lodge as a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a  
23 member of the Sterling First Presbyterian Church where he served as an  
24 Elder; and

25 WHEREAS, Jack Annan received a number of recognitions and  
26 awards, including Outstanding Lion of the Year, Logan County Citizen  
27 of the Year, and Merit Award for Outstanding Service to Vocational  
28 Education; and

29 WHEREAS, A bronze statue of Jack Annan was erected on the  
30 Northeastern Junior College campus in 2004 recognizing him as "Mr.  
31 NJC"; and

32 WHEREAS, Jack Annan passed away at the age of 87 on Tuesday,  
33 April 20, 2021, in Windsor, Colorado, while surrounded by his loving  
34 family; and

1           WHEREAS, Jack L. Annan was a dedicated leader, educator,  
2 servant, mentor, father, and grandfather who had a profound influence on  
3 the members of his community. Jack was a friend to all and always made  
4 an effort to learn about each person and help them achieve their goals.  
5 His passion for education and advocacy will continue to inspire many and  
6 shall not be forgotten; now, therefore,

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

10           (1) That the portion of United States Highway 138 from the  
11 intersection of United States Highway 138 and North 2nd Street in  
12 Sterling, Colorado, to the intersection of United States Highway 138 and  
13 Pioneer Road be designated as the "Jack Annan "Mr. NJC" Memorial  
14 Highway".

15           (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept  
16 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of the initial  
17 placement of signs to mark United States Highway 138 from the  
18 intersection of United States Highway 138 and North 2nd Street in  
19 Sterling, Colorado, to the intersection of United States Highway 138 and  
20 Pioneer Road as the "Jack Annan "Mr. NJC" Memorial Highway".

21           (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore  
22 a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for  
23 Logan County for the maintenance of the signs marking the "Jack Annan  
24 "Mr. NJC" Memorial Highway".

25           *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
26 to Florence Annan, Bill Annan, Sherry Talbott, the Northeastern Junior  
27 College Alumni Association, and Northeastern Junior College President  
28 Jay Lee.