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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 25-017

101 **CONCERNING HONORING PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS DANIEL T.**
102 **GRIFFIN, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, DESIGNATING THE**
103 **NORTH ACADEMY BRIDGE AS THE "NAVAL AVIATION PILOT**
104 **AND AVIATION MACHINIST MATE PETTY OFFICER FIRST CLASS**
105 **DANIEL T. GRIFFIN BRIDGE".**

1 WHEREAS, Petty Officer First Class Daniel T. Griffin was a
2 resident of Colorado Springs, attended Colorado Springs High School
3 prior to his enlistment in the United States Navy, and served as a naval
4 enlisted pilot assigned to Kaneohe Naval Air Station, Hawaii, in 1941,
5 flying the Consolidated PBY Catalina; and

6 WHEREAS, On the morning of Sunday, December 7, 1941,
7 Daniel T. Griffin was on duty with his PBY Catalina aircraft, and upon

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1 recognition of the ongoing Japanese attack, he attempted to take off, but
2 was shot down by enemy aircraft. After making an emergency exit into
3 the water, and while swimming to shore, Griffin was fatally wounded by
4 enemy gunfire; and

5 WHEREAS, Petty Officer First Class Daniel T. Griffin is known
6 to be the first Coloradan killed and believed to be the first American
7 serviceman killed during the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

8 WHEREAS, Shortly after Griffin's death, Admiral Chester Nimitz,
9 Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet, issued a citation recognizing
10 Griffin's valor; in 1943, the United States Navy commissioned the USS
11 Daniel T. Griffin, a destroyer escort, in recognition of Griffin's sacrifice;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Griffin's body was moved from its original burial
14 location in Hawaii and reinterred in Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado
15 Springs; now, therefore,

16 *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly*
17 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*
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19 (1) That the North Academy Bridge spanning Interstate 25 in
20 Colorado Springs be designated as the "Naval Aviation Pilot and Aviation
21 Machinist Mate Petty Officer First Class Daniel T. Griffin Bridge"; and

22 (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore
23 a cooperative agreement with the Colorado Springs City Council for the
24 maintenance of the signs marking the "Naval Aviation Pilot and Aviation
25 Machinist Mate Petty Officer First Class Daniel T. Griffin Bridge".

26 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
27 to the Colorado Springs City Council, the Executive Director of the
28 Colorado Department of Transportation Shoshana Lew, and the
29 Transportation Commission of Colorado.