



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 20-1003

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 24 FROM THE INTERSECTION OF GARRETT ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION OF ELBERT ROAD IN FALCON, COLORADO, AS THE "SGM JAMES GREGORY RYAN SARTOR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".

WHEREAS, James Gregory Ryan Sartor was born on September 23, 1978; and

WHEREAS, Ryan Sartor was raised in Teague, Texas, and met his wife Deanna in College Station, Texas, and together they made a home in Falcon, Colorado, with their three children, Stryder, Grace, and Garrett; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Major (SGM) Sartor enlisted in the United States Army in 2001 and was soon deployed as an infantryman in the 3rd Infantry Division to help lead the Invasion of Iraq in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning from his first deployment in Iraq, SGM

Sartor was selected for the Special Forces Qualification Course and earned his Green Beret; and

WHEREAS, SGM Sartor served the next 14 years as a Special Forces Green Beret, and was deployed more than a dozen times to Germany, Israel, and Africa, and including combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Due to the breadth of his talent, skills, and dedication to service, SGM Sartor earned many awards and decorations, including the Bronze Star Medal with three oak clusters, the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with three oak clusters, the Army Achievement Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation Award, the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, the Valorous Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters, the Meritorious Unit Citation with one oak leaf cluster, and the National Defense Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, SGM Sartor also earned the Special Forces Tab, the Ranger Tab, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Senior Parachutist Badge, the Special Operations Diver Badge, and the Dive Supervisor Badge; and

WHEREAS, On February 7, 2019, SGM Sartor said goodbye to his family and departed for what would become his final deployment to serve as Company Sergeant Major for Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion of 10th Special Forces Group; and

WHEREAS, SGM Sartor was always a muddy boots leader and accordingly went out on at least one mission with each of his teams; and

WHEREAS, On July 13, 2019, SGM Sartor went out with his final team located in Faryab Province in Afghanistan, and came under enemy fire, sustaining injuries from small-arms fire, and sadly died from those injuries; and

WHEREAS, SGM Sartor was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart, the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star Medal; and

WHEREAS, SGM Sartor served his country well and lived a life that

honored God with dignity and integrity, and is still known as a man that even other Green Berets look up to; and

WHEREAS, It is only fitting that SGM Sartor's bravery and love of country and his fellow man be recognized so that we may never forget his sacrifice to our great nation; now, therefore,

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

(1) That the portion of United States Highway 24 from the intersection of Garrett Road to the intersection of Elbert Road in Falcon, Colorado, be designated as the "SGM James Gregory Ryan Sartor Memorial Highway".

(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 United States Highway 24 from the intersection of Garrett Road to the intersection of Elbert Road in Falcon, Colorado, as the "SGM James Gregory Ryan Sartor Memorial Highway".

(3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for El Paso County for the maintenance of the signs marking the "SGM James Gregory Ryan Sartor Memorial Highway".

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Deanna Sartor and the Board of County Commissioners for El Paso County.

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