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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22-1004

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 6 IN**
102 **EAGLE COUNTY FROM MILE MARKER 139.5 TO MILE MARKER**
103 **134 AS THE "LIEUTENANT ERIC HILL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".**

1 WHEREAS, Eric Hill was born in California on February 29,
2 1968; and

3 WHEREAS, Eric Hill moved with his family to Gypsum, Colorado
4 at four years old and spent his early childhood playing in the mountains
5 with his younger brother Jeff; and

6 WHEREAS, Eric Hill attended local schools and graduated from
7 Eagle Valley High School in 1986, earning the nickname "Hillbilly" along
8 the way; 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, After graduating high school, Eric Hill joined the Air
2 Force, where he served for six years in an armored detail; and

3 WHEREAS, Though he was willing to join fighting troops in Iraq,
4 Eric Hill later opted out of military service and left with an honorable
5 discharge, settling in Albuquerque, New Mexico where he met his future
6 wife Cissy; and

7 WHEREAS, Eric Hill eventually returned to his home in Gypsum,
8 Colorado, where he worked at the post office and then Premier Electric
9 before making the career-defining move to sign up as a volunteer
10 firefighter; and

11 WHEREAS, Eric Hill earned paid positions as a firefighter,
12 attaining the rank of lieutenant, for both the Eagle and Gypsum fire
13 departments and also became a certified wildland firefighter, which took
14 him all over Colorado and to Washington, Oregon, and California; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to working as a firefighter, Lieutenant
16 Eric Hill was also an Airport Fire Rescue Firefighter for Eagle County for
17 many years; and

18 WHEREAS, Over the course of his 16-year career as a firefighter,
19 Lieutenant Eric Hill accumulated countless stories, both sad and happy
20 and everything in between, and many of them are still shared by his
21 family and friends; and

22 WHEREAS, On March 16, 2019, Lieutenant Eric Hill was killed
23 in a tragic highway work accident while on the job with the Colorado
24 Department of Transportation maintenance; and

25 WHEREAS, On March 23, 2019, a crowd of more than 500
26 mourners gathered at the Eagle River Center to remember the life of
27 Lieutenant Eric Hill; and

28 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Eric Hill was a devoted servant to both his
29 family and his community, and he was often the first one out of the fire
30 truck, ready to risk his life to save others; and

31 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Eric Hill will be remembered as a natural
32 and dedicated leader, family man, and mentor; now, therefore,

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

3 (1) That the portion of United States Highway 6 in Eagle County
4 from Mile Marker 139.5 to Mile Marker 134 be designated as the
5 "Lieutenant Eric Hill Memorial Highway".

6 (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept
7 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of the initial
8 placement of signs to mark United States Highway 6 in Eagle County
9 from Mile Marker 139.5 to Mile Marker 134 as the "Lieutenant Eric Hill
10 Memorial Highway".

11 (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore
12 a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for
13 Eagle County for the maintenance of the signs marking the "Lieutenant
14 Eric Hill Memorial Highway".

15 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
16 to the family of Eric Hill, the Gypsum Fire Protection District, Gypsum
17 Mayor Steve Carver, the Gypsum Town Council, the Eagle County Board
18 of County Commissioners and Eagle County Manager, and CDOT Region
19 3 Director Michael Goolsby.