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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-1022

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF ARAPAHOE ROAD FROM THE**
102 **INTERSECTION OF U.S. ROUTE 36 TO THE INTERSECTION OF U.S.**
103 **ROUTE 287 AS THE "ROAD OF REMEMBRANCE".**

1 WHEREAS, The Armistice of November 11, 1918, ended the
2 fighting of World War I; and

3 WHEREAS, In the years that immediately followed 1918, civic,
4 veterans, and governmental groups in Boulder County, Colorado, began
5 planning a "Road of Remembrance" to honor veterans from Boulder
6 County who had served in the military during World War I; and

7 WHEREAS, The Road of Remembrance was intended to begin
8 north of Lafayette, Colorado, at the intersection of Arapahoe Road and
9 the then-named Lincoln Highway, which is known today as United States

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1 Route 287, and travel west to the City of Boulder; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1928, with funding raised by the Lions Club of
3 Boulder, work began on the "Gateway" for the Road of Remembrance;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, The Gateway, also known as the "Pillars", featured
6 two large stone pillars on either side of the intersection of Arapahoe Road
7 and United States Route 287; and

8 WHEREAS, The Pillars were intended to serve as a powerful
9 entrance to the Road of Remembrance and featured a plaque from the
10 Lions Club of Boulder honoring local World War I veterans; and

11 WHEREAS, In April 1928, ground was broken for construction of
12 the Pillars, and more than 1,000 people attended the dedication of the
13 Gateway in June 1928; and

14 WHEREAS, Shortly after the dedication of the Gateway, officials
15 built an adjacent park to help beautify the entrance to the Road of
16 Remembrance; and

17 WHEREAS, Although the Pillars remained, the Great Depression
18 and the years that followed halted progress on the Road of Remembrance,
19 and the Road was never formally recognized or completed after initial
20 efforts began following World War I; and

21 WHEREAS, Over time, the Pillars and the surrounding land fell
22 into disrepair, with a lack of routine maintenance leading to deterioration;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, For many Boulder County residents, the Gateway still
25 serves as a reminder of the sacrifice of World War I veterans and is a key
26 landmark in the community; and

27 WHEREAS, To maintain the integrity and upkeep of the stone
28 Pillars during ongoing construction projects in Lafayette and to preserve
29 the promise to honor Boulder County veterans, a working group, in
30 conjunction with the Colorado Department of Transportation, is
31 coordinating the relocation of the Pillars to the southwest corner of
32 Arapahoe Road and 95th Street in Lafayette; and

1 WHEREAS, Although the Road of Remembrance was never
2 formally recognized as a memorial roadway during the early years of its
3 planning, the spirit of the initial project lives on in the civic, veterans, and
4 governmental organization members who are working, over 100 years
5 later, to safeguard this chapter in history; now, therefore,

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

8 (1) That the portion of 007C (Arapahoe Rd.) from U.S. 36 (MM
9 52.29) to U.S. 287 (MM 60.683) be designated as the "Road of
10 Remembrance";

11 (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept
12 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of the initial
13 placement of signs to mark the designated section of Arapahoe Road as
14 the "Road of Remembrance"; and

15 (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore
16 a cooperative agreement with the appropriate authorities of Boulder
17 County for the maintenance of the markings for the "Road of
18 Remembrance".

19 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
20 to the Transportation Commission of Colorado, the Office of
21 Transportation Safety within the Colorado Department of Transportation,
22 and the Boulder Rotary Club.