



## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-008

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### CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF A BRIDGE THAT CROSSES SOUTH RALEIGH STREET IN DENVER ON COLORADO STATE HIGHWAY 285 AS THE "SSG JORDAN L. BEAR MEMORIAL BRIDGE".

WHEREAS, Jordan L. Bear was born in Denver, Colorado, on June 7, 1986, and resided in Denver, Colorado, graduating from Kennedy High School in 2004 and entering the United States Army in September 2004; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bear participated in basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, In January 2007, Staff Sergeant Bear was assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 508th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom from February 2007 through April 2008, becoming a Sergeant in October 2007; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bear was promoted to Staff Sergeant in January 2009 and was again deployed to Afghanistan from August 2009 through July 2010; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bear was again deployed to Afghanistan in January 2012; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bear was killed on March 1, 2012, at the age of 25 in Kandahar province, Afghanistan, after three individuals--two Afghan National Army service members and a civilian literacy teacher for the Afghan National Army--turned their weapons on Staff Sergeant Bear, along with one other serviceman; and

WHEREAS, Killed with Staff Sergeant Bear was Specialist Payton Jones, 19, of Marble Falls, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bear and Specialist Jones are among 2,346 United States military service members mortally wounded in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bear's awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, the NATO Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Army Good Conduct Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with three bronze stars, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the NCO Professional Development Ribbon with numeral 2, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral 2, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, and the Parachutist Badge; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bear is survived by his son, Kayden Bear, 5; his mother, Cathleen Bear; his grandfather, Logan F. Bear; his sister, Audra L. Bear; and his brothers, Jacob L. Bear and Joshua G. Bear; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bear was a member of the Ponca Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bear was recognized as an outstanding noncommissioned officer by his superiors and peers alike and was

beloved by his soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Through strong moral convictions and equally strong leadership skills, Staff Sergeant Bear upheld the honor and heritage of "Duty, Honor, Country" to the highest standards of the United States Army; now, therefore,

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

- (1) That the bridge spanning South Raleigh Street in Denver as it enters Bear Creek Park on Colorado State Highway 285 be named the "SSG Jordan L. Bear Memorial Bridge";
- (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purpose of the initial placement of signs to mark the bridge as the "SSG Jordan L. Bear Memorial Bridge"; and
- (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore a cooperative agreement with the City Council of Denver for the maintenance of the markings for the "SSG Jordan L. Bear Memorial Bridge".

*Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be hand delivered by Senator Irene Aguilar to Staff Sergeant Bear's mother, Cathleen Bear; Michael Hancock, mayor of Denver, Colorado; and Fort Bragg Commander, Stephen J. Townsend.

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