

First Regular Session
Seventy-first General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO

INTRODUCED

LLS NO. R17-0816.01 Gwynne Middleton x4340

SJR17-008

SENATE SPONSORSHIP

Aguilar,

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Lontine,

Senate Committees

House Committees

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-008

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF A BRIDGE THAT CROSSES SOUTH**
102 **RALEIGH STREET IN DENVER ON COLORADO STATE HIGHWAY**
103 **285 AS THE "SSG JORDAN L. BEAR MEMORIAL BRIDGE".**

1 WHEREAS, Jordan L. Bear was born in Denver, Colorado, on
2 June 7, 1986, and resided in Denver, Colorado, graduating from Kennedy
3 High School in 2004 and entering the United States Army in September
4 2004; and

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

7 WHEREAS, In January 2007, Staff Sergeant Bear was assigned
8 to Company B, 2nd Battalion, 508th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade
9 Combat Team at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he was deployed in

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 support of Operation Enduring Freedom from February 2007 through
2 April 2008, becoming a Sergeant in October 2007; and

3 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bear was promoted to Staff Sergeant
4 in January 2009 and was again deployed to Afghanistan from August
5 2009 through July 2010; and

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

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

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

15 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bear and Specialist Jones are among
16 2,346 United States military service members mortally wounded in
17 support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

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

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

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

33 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Bear was recognized as an outstanding

1 noncommissioned officer by his superiors and peers alike and was
2 beloved by his soldiers; and

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

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

9 (1) That the bridge spanning South Raleigh Street in Denver as it
10 enters Bear Creek Park on Colorado State Highway 285 be named the
11 "SSG Jordan L. Bear Memorial Bridge";

12 (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept
13 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purpose of the initial
14 placement of signs to mark the bridge as the "SSG Jordan L. Bear
15 Memorial Bridge"; and

16 (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore
17 a cooperative agreement with the City Council of Denver for the
18 maintenance of the markings for the "SSG Jordan L. Bear Memorial
19 Bridge".

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