



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-017

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF UNITED STATES INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 25 AS THE "TROOPER DONAHUE AND TROOPER JURSEVICS MOVE OVER SAFETY AWARENESS CORRIDOR".

WHEREAS, On November 15, 2015, Colorado State Trooper Jaimie Jursevics was hit and killed by a drunk driver while outside her vehicle investigating a roadside accident on Interstate 25 near Castle Rock, Colorado, at Mile Marker 176.25; and

WHEREAS, On November 25, 2016, also while investigating a roadside accident on Interstate 25 near Castle Rock, Colorado State Trooper Cody Donahue was hit and killed at Mile Marker 179.25 by a tractor-trailer when the driver drifted over the fog line; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Jursevics and Trooper Donahue were struck by drivers who did not move over to the far lane when approaching clearly marked police vehicles on the side of the road; and

WHEREAS, It is state law that drivers must yield the right-of-way, move over at least one lane when possible, and slow to a reasonably safe speed when approaching emergency, towing carrier, or maintenance vehicles on the side of the road; and

WHEREAS, Driver precautions such as these are essential to keeping roadside workers, emergency responders, and accident victims safe, and heeding these laws prevents needless deaths on our state's roadsides; and

WHEREAS, Colorado's population is expected to increase to nearly seven million in the next fifteen years, and much of this growth will occur in the Interstate 25 and Interstate 70 corridors; and

WHEREAS, Traffic and congestion have already significantly increased in these corridors and will continue to increase in the future; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that resources be dedicated to educating drivers about the laws of the road in such increasingly crowded and potentially dangerous conditions; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to honor and recognize those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty in a manner that also serves as a reminder to drivers that safe and lawful driving saves lives; now, therefore,

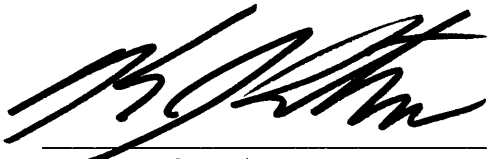
Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-first General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

(1) That the portion of United States Interstate Highway 25 from Mile Marker 176.25 to Mile Marker 179.25, be designated as the "Trooper Donahue and Trooper Jursevics Move Over Safety Awareness Corridor";

(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 the designated portion of United States Interstate Highway 25 as the "Trooper Donahue and Trooper Jursevics Move Over Safety Awareness Corridor"; and

(3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for Douglas County for the maintenance of the signage for the "Trooper Donahue and Trooper Jursevics Move Over Safety Awareness Corridor".


Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Trooper Donahue's wife Velma Donahue, sister Erin Donahue-Paynter, brother Colter Donahue, mother Susan Kauk, father Jim Donahue, and friend Jeff Gowin; Trooper Jursevics' husband Didzis "DJ" Jursevics and mother Jolene Torres; Governor John Hickenlooper; the Board of County Commissioners for Douglas County; Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation Shailen Bhatt; Chief of the Colorado State Patrol Colonel Scott G. Hernandez; the Association of Colorado State Patrol Professionals; and the Colorado State Patrol Family Foundation.



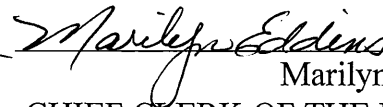
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