



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22-1014

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF COLORADO STATE HIGHWAY 21 FROM KETTLE CREEK TO WOODMEN ROAD IN EL PASO COUNTY AS THE "SFC WILL LINDSAY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".

WHEREAS, Will Lindsay was born on August 26, 1985, in Cortez, Colorado to Grant and Tammy Lindsay, graduating from Montezuma Cortez High School in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Will joined the United States Army immediately after graduating high school, enlisting on July 7, 2004, and married the love of his life Sarah Unger in 2010, and together they had four daughters who were the center of their world; and

WHEREAS, After completing Basic Training and Airborne School, Will volunteered for and completed the Special Forces Selection and Qualification Courses, earning his Green Beret in July 2006, and was assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Carson, Colorado as an Assistant Operations and Intelligence Sergeant with Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion; and

WHEREAS, On February 6, 2019, Sergeant First Class (SFC) Will Lindsay deployed to Kunduz Province in Afghanistan in support of Freedom Sentinel VIII and XI, Operation Warhammer; and

WHEREAS, The deployment had a high operational tempo, as the goal of Operation Warhammer was to establish peace in the region by bringing Al Qaeda to the negotiation table; and

WHEREAS, On March 21, 2019, during operations in Kunduz City, SFC Lindsay's element came under heavy volumes of effective machine-gun and small-arms fire from multiple directions and from enemy positions as close as 25 meters from friendly locations; and

WHEREAS, Under heavy contact and exposed with little cover, SFC Lindsay immediately directed his element to lay down suppressive fire and employ hand grenades against nearby enemy fighters to suppress the enemy firing positions; and

WHEREAS, SFC Lindsay's element immediately sustained casualties from enemy machine-gun fire, and the detonation of an improvised explosive device (IED) rendered his machine gunners unconscious; and

WHEREAS, Without hesitation and with full knowledge of the enemy threat, SFC Lindsay continually exposed himself to enemy fire to suppress enemy machine gunners with his individual weapon and hand grenades; and

WHEREAS, SFC Lindsay's action provided covering fire for wounded personnel and medics attempting to establish a hasty casualty collection point to provide critical treatment; and

WHEREAS, Realizing that his element contained multiple wounded in action and was in imminent danger of being destroyed by enemy

machine-gun fire, SFC Lindsay completely exposed himself in the open to place more effective fire on the enemy and was wounded by enemy machine-gun fire; and

WHEREAS, Despite having been wounded, SFC Lindsay bravely and selflessly maintained his position, suppressed the enemy forces, and coordinated the approach of friendly forces coming to his element's aid; and

WHEREAS, In a final attempt to defeat the enemy, SFC Lindsay sprinted across an open road in an effort to mark enemy positions and regain the initiative from the Taliban and during this attempt, SFC Lindsay was mortally wounded; and

WHEREAS, SFC Lindsay's conscious decision to continually expose himself to heavy volumes of fire from a determined, entrenched, and well-equipped enemy undoubtedly protected the lives of all within his element and directly contributed to the fatal wound he suffered; and

WHEREAS, SFC Lindsay was killed in action when he succumbed to his wounds on March 21, 2019, in Talawka Village, Kunduz Province, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, During his 15 years of service, SFC Lindsay deployed seven times: Five deployments to Iraq, one to Tajikistan in support of a counter-narcotics mission, and one to Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, SFC Lindsay's military decorations include the Silver Star Medal, four Bronze Star Medals, one Meritorious Service Medal, a Purple Heart, a Combat Infantryman's Badge, a Military Free Fall Jumpmaster Badge, and a Master Parachutist Badge; and

WHEREAS, SFC Lindsay was a devoted husband, dedicated father, and true son of Colorado who held a deep love of hunting and fishing and working with his hands and would often shame his friends on the golf course with his mid-seventies game; now, therefore,

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

(1) That a portion of Colorado State Highway 21 from Kettle Creek to Woodmen Road be named the "SFC Will Lindsay Memorial Highway" in honor of Sergeant First Class Will Lindsay's lifetime of honorable service and heroic sacrifice.

(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 section of Colorado State Highway 21 as the "SFC Will Lindsay Memorial Highway".

(3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for El Paso County for the maintenance of signs marking the "SFC Will Lindsay Memorial Highway".

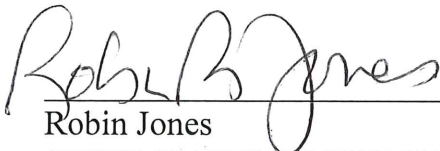
Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to SFC Lindsay's wife, Sarah Unger, the Colorado Transportation Commission, the Department of Transportation, and the Special Forces Foundation (CO Branch).



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