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Senate Committees

House Committees

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-017

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept
32 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of the initial
33 placement of signs to mark the designated portion of United States

1 Interstate Highway 25 as the "Trooper Donahue and Trooper Jursevics
2 Move Over Safety Awareness Corridor"; and

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

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