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House Committees
Transportation & Energy

Senate Committees

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 18-1016

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF THE PORTION OF INTERSTATE 25**
102 **WITHIN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER AS THE "BARACK**
103 **OBAMA HIGHWAY".**

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Barack Obama was born on August
2 4, 1961, in Honolulu, Hawaii, to Ann Dunham and Barack Obama, Sr.;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Barack Obama graduated from Columbia University
5 and then Harvard Law School, where he was elected the first
6 African-American editor of the *Harvard Law Review*, and graduated
7 magna cum laude in 1991; and

8 WHEREAS, Barack Obama served in the Illinois Senate from
9 1996 until 2004 when he was elected to the United States Senate with the

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1 largest electoral victory in Illinois history; and

2 WHEREAS, On November 4, 2008, Barack Obama was elected
3 the 44th president of the United States and the first African-American to
4 hold the office; and

5 WHEREAS, Coloradans had a front row seat to the beginning of
6 President Obama's historic journey as he accepted the Democratic
7 nomination for President at Mile High Stadium in Denver; and

8 WHEREAS, Less than a year later, President Obama returned to
9 the Denver for another historic event--the signing of the stimulus bill that
10 helped jumpstart the economy after the devastating 2008 stock market
11 crash; and

12 WHEREAS, During his eight-year tenure, President Obama was
13 a champion of progress, successfully taking on the challenges of a nation
14 experiencing the largest recession since the Great Depression, bringing
15 stability to the markets and growth to the economy, overseeing Congress'
16 restructuring of the nation's healthcare system, enacting compassionate
17 immigration reform, expanding environmental protections, and
18 supporting groundbreaking LGBT-rights decisions; and

19 WHEREAS, President Obama's extraordinary message of hope
20 and resiliency will continue to inspire the nation for generations to come;
21 now, therefore,

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

24 (1) That the portion of Interstate 25 between the northern and
25 southern borders of the city and county of Denver be designated as the
26 "Barack Obama Highway" in honor of President Barack Obama's service
27 to the citizens of Colorado and the American people;

28 (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept
29 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purpose of the initial
30 placement of signs along the "Barack Obama Highway"; and

31 (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore
32 a cooperative agreement with the city and county of Denver for the
33 maintenance of the markings for the "Barack Obama Highway".

1 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
2 to the Honorable Barack Obama and to each member of Colorado's
3 congressional delegation.