



## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 19-1013**

**BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Wilson, Arndt, Baisley, Beckman, Benavidez, Bird, Bockenfeld, Buck, Buckner, Buentello, Caraveo, Carver, Catlin, Coleman, Cutter, Duran, Esgar, Exum, Froelich, Galindo, Garnett, Geitner, Gray, Hansen, Herod, Hooton, Humphrey, Jackson, Jaquez Lewis, Kennedy, Kipp, Kraft-Tharp, Landgraf, Larson, Lewis, Liston, Lontine, McCluskie, McLachlan, Melton, Michaelson Jenet, Mullica, Neville, Pelton, Ransom, Rich, Roberts, Saine, Sandridge, Singer, Sirota, Snyder, Soper, Sullivan, Tipper, Titone, Valdez A., Valdez D., Van Winkle, Weissman, Will, Williams D., Becker;**  
**also SENATOR(S) Donovan, Bridges, Cooke, Coram, Court, Crowder, Danielson, Fenberg, Fields, Foote, Gardner, Ginal, Gonzales, Hill, Hisey, Holbert, Lee, Lundeen, Marble, Moreno, Pettersen, Priola, Rankin, Rodriguez, Scott, Smallwood, Sonnenberg, Story, Tate, Todd, Williams A., Winter, Woodward, Zenzinger, Garcia.**

**CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF COLORADO STATE HIGHWAY 24 BETWEEN MILE MARKERS 209 AND 212 ON EACH END OF THE TOWN OF BUENA VISTA, COLORADO, AS THE "CORPORAL EARNEST CLIFFORD SEXTON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".**

WHEREAS, November 11, 2018, was the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I; and

WHEREAS, March 15, 2019, is the 100th anniversary of the creation of the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, American Legion Post 55 in Buena Vista, Colorado, is named in honor of World War I veteran Corporal Earnest Clifford Sexton; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Sexton was born in 1889 and came to Buena Vista at the age of ten; and

WHEREAS, When he was old enough, Corporal Sexton worked in the mines and played baseball in Buena Vista and was the town's pitcher and baseball idol; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Sexton was invited to tryout for the Chicago White Sox, but World War I began and Corporal Sexton chose instead to enlist in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Sexton, as a member of the H Company, 355th Infantry, had volunteered to help destroy an enemy machine gun nest across the Meuse River near Stenay, France; and

WHEREAS, While on the mission, Corporal Sexton was killed in action on November 9, 1918, two days before the armistice on November 11, 1918; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Sexton and his family are buried in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Buena Vista; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Sexton's funeral was one of only two times in the history of Buena Vista that every business shut down; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Sexton is a war hero who gave his life for his country and should be remembered in Buena Vista; now, therefore,

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

(1) That the portion of Colorado State Highway 24 between Mile Markers 209 and 212 on each end of the town of Buena Vista, Colorado, be designated as the "Corporal Earnest Clifford Sexton Memorial Highway";

(2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purpose of the initial placement of signs at Mile Markers 209 and 212 of Colorado State Highway 24 for the "Corporal Earnest Clifford Sexton Memorial Highway"; and

(3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Chaffee County for the maintenance of the markings for the "Corporal Earnest Clifford Sexton Memorial Highway".

*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Darryl Atherton, Jan Quick, and to the Board of County Commissioners of Chaffee County.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Leroy M. Garcia  
PRESIDENT OF  
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CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE  
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