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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20-021

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF COLORADO**
102 **HIGHWAY 44 AS THE "DEPUTY GUMM MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".**

1 WHEREAS, Heath McDonald Gumm was born on March 23,
2 1986, in Denver, Colorado to James and Rebecca Gumm, two years after
3 his sister Lorelei Gumm Martinez; and

4 WHEREAS, Deputy Gumm attended Mullen High School and
5 graduated in 2004; and

6 WHEREAS, In 2011, Deputy Gumm received his Peace Officer
7 Standards and Training Certification from his alma mater, Arapahoe
8 Community College; and

9 WHEREAS, Deputy Gumm worked at the Cripple Creek Police

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1 Department until 2013, and he later joined the Adams County Sheriff's
2 Department; and

3 WHEREAS, Deputy Gumm's ultimate goal was to become a
4 detective; and

5 WHEREAS, On January 24, 2018, at the age of 31, Deputy Gumm
6 was shot and killed during a foot pursuit near 88th Avenue and Dawson
7 Street in Thornton; and

8 WHEREAS, Thousands of Adams County citizens and officers,
9 including many officers from across the county, attended Deputy Gumm's
10 funeral procession along Interstate 25; and

11 WHEREAS, Hundreds of these officers escorted his hearse to the
12 Flatirons Community Church in Lafayette; and

13 WHEREAS, Deputy Gumm was promoted to the rank of detective
14 on the Friday after his death; and

15 WHEREAS, Deputy Gumm was posthumously awarded the
16 Distinguished Service Medal; and

17 WHEREAS, Heath McDonald Gumm was a dedicated leader and
18 loving husband, son, and brother who put his life on the line for the
19 community he served; and

20 WHEREAS, His untimely passing reminds us of the challenges
21 that police officers face every day; and

22 WHEREAS, His powerful impact on his family, friends, and
23 fellow law enforcement members shall not go unrecognized; now,
24 therefore,

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

28 (1) That the portion of Colorado Highway 44 from Colorado
29 Highway 2 to Interstate 25 be designated as the "Deputy Gumm Memorial
30 Highway".

1 (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept
2 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of the initial
3 placement of signs to mark Colorado Highway 44 from Colorado
4 Highway 2 to Interstate 25 as the "Deputy Gumm Memorial Highway".

5 (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore
6 a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for
7 Adams County for the maintenance of the signs marking the "Deputy
8 Gumm Memorial Highway".

9 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
10 to Deputy Gumm's family and the following Police Orders: Brighton,
11 Thornton, Commerce City, Westminster, Northglenn, and Adams County.