



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 20-021

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Deputy Gumm worked at the Cripple Creek Police Department until 2013, and he later joined the Adams County Sheriff's

Department; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(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 Colorado Highway 44 from Colorado Highway 2 to Interstate 25 as the "Deputy Gumm Memorial Highway".

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

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

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