



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22-1018

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Van Beber, Holtorf, Amabile, Bacon, Baisley, Benavidez, Bennett, Bird, Bockenfeld, Boesenecker, Bradfield, Caraveo, Carver, Catlin, Cutter, Daugherty, Duran, Esgar, Exum, Froelich, Geitner, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Gray, Herod, Hooton, Jodeh, Kennedy, Kipp, Larson, Lindsay, Lontine, Luck, Lynch, McCluskie, McCormick, McKean, McLachlan, Michaelson Jenet, Mullica, Neville, Ortiz, Pelton, Pico, Rich, Ricks, Roberts, Sandridge, Sirota, Snyder, Soper, Sullivan, Tipper, Titone, Valdez A., Valdez D., Van Winkle, Weissman, Will, Williams, Woog, Young, Garnett; also SENATOR(S) Sonnenberg, Bridges, Buckner, Coleman, Cooke, Coram, Danielson, Donovan, Fields, Gardner, Ginal, Gonzales, Hansen, Hinrichsen, Hisey, Holbert, Jaquez Lewis, Kirkmeyer, Kolker, Lee, Liston, Lundeen, Moreno, Pettersen, Priola, Rankin, Rodriguez, Scott, Simpson, Smallwood, Story, Winter, Woodward, Zenzinger, Fenberg.

CONCERNING DESIGNATING THE PORTION OF COLORADO STATE HIGHWAY 14 FROM MILE MARKER 153 TO MILE MARKER 154 IN WELD COUNTY AS THE "COLONEL STAN CASS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".

WHEREAS, United States Army Colonel Stan Cass was born in Briggsdale, Colorado, on July 29, 1933; and

WHEREAS, Stan Cass attended Briggsdale High School and worked on his family's farm until he graduated and applied to the United States Military Academy at West Point; and

WHEREAS, He was accepted to West Point after taking classes at what is now Colorado State University, but at the time was known as the Colorado State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from West Point in 1957, Colonel Cass was first stationed in France and Germany, but was later transferred to

Vietnam in 1966 to command a helicopter unit in the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, It was in Vietnam in 1972 where he met his future wife, Cecily, who was working for the Central Intelligence Agency at the time; and

WHEREAS, They weren't able to marry until years later, after Cecily was transferred to Italy and Colonel Cass returned to the United States to work for the Pentagon, where he developed the first Hellfire air-to-surface missile, which is still the primary missile system used by United States military helicopters today; and

WHEREAS, In 1986, Colonel Cass retired from the armed services so that he and Cecily could move back to Weld County to tend to the family farm when his father was no longer able to; and

WHEREAS, Stan Cass, all while continuing to preserve the land his family had cultivated for decades, began serving his fellow veterans first by offering his own money to the Weld County Veterans Memorial when it appeared that it wouldn't be completed, and then by helping to form the Honor Flight Northern Colorado program in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Honor Flight Northern Colorado, a nonprofit volunteer organization, flies veterans of World War II, terminally ill veterans, Purple Heart recipients, and veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars from all over the United States to Washington, D.C. so they can visit the World War II Memorial there; and

WHEREAS, Through his passion to serve his fellow veterans, Stan Cass helped over 1,500 veterans make the pilgrimage to the World War II Memorial through the Honor Flight Northern Colorado program, which continues to this day; and

WHEREAS, Stan Cass will always be remembered for his quick smile, his commanding presence, his military precision, and his generous spirit that he devoted to his family, his country, and his fellow veterans; now, therefore,

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

(1) That the portion of Colorado State Highway 14 in Weld County from Mile Marker 153 to Mile Marker 154 be designated as the "Colonel Stan Cass 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 to mark Colorado State Highway 14 in Weld County from Mile Marker 153 to Mile Marker 154 as the "Colonel Stan Cass Memorial Highway".

(3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for Weld County for the maintenance of the signs marking the "Colonel Stan Cass Memorial Highway".

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to

the family of Stan Cass, Ault Mayor Rob Piotrowski and the Ault Board of Trustees, the Weld County Board of County Commissioners, and the West Greeley Conservation District.

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