



## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 24-018

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CONCERNING DESIGNATION OF STATE HIGHWAY 78 IN PUEBLO COUNTY AS THE "PFC THOMAS MICHAEL HANRATTY MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".

WHEREAS, Private First Class (PFC) Thomas Michael "Mike" Hanratty was born on June 19, 1946, to parents James Patrick Sr. and Leta and grew up outside of Beulah Valley in Pueblo County with siblings Patsy, James Patrick Jr., Bessie, and Bernie; and

WHEREAS, PFC Hanratty attended Beulah School and Pueblo County High School, where he was a talented athlete, graduating in 1964; and

WHEREAS, Endowed by his father James Patrick Sr., in PFC Hanratty's memory Pueblo County High School still gives out the "Fighting Heart" award every year to an outstanding athlete; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from high school, PFC Hanratty studied architecture at Southern Colorado State College, now CSU Pueblo, for

two years; and

WHEREAS, PFC Hanratty enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on January 7, 1966, training as a jet engine mechanic, and was sent to Vietnam on December 29, 1966; and

WHEREAS, In Vietnam, PFC Hanratty became a helicopter crew chief, flying 117 aerial combat missions; and

WHEREAS, PFC Hanratty's CH-46A helicopter was shot down on June 11, 1967, in the Quang Tri province, and fighting in the area was too extreme for ground units to reach the crash site, leading to all eleven personnel aboard being classified as "Killed in Action, Body Not Recovered"; and

WHEREAS, PFC Hanratty is the only person from the small community of Beulah, and one of several from Pueblo County, to be listed as missing in action; and

WHEREAS, PFC Hanratty's family and community wish to honor his memory and all those who have served our nation; now, therefore,

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

(1) That State Highway 78 in Pueblo County be designated as the "PFC Thomas Michael Hanratty 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 State Highway 78 as the "PFC Thomas Michael Hanratty Memorial Highway".

(3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for Pueblo County for the maintenance of the signs marking the "PFC Thomas Michael Hanratty Memorial Highway".

*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Bessie Langdon and Kris Allen.

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THE SENATE

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