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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-1024

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF STATE HIGHWAY 92 IN DELTA**
102 **COUNTY FROM MILE MARKER 3 TO MILE MARKER 7 AS THE**
103 **"EDUCATORS AND TEACHERS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".**

1 WHEREAS, Across the state, educators and teachers work
2 tirelessly to foster the curiosity of, instill essential values and skills in,
3 and encourage the aspirations of Colorado's children and youth; and

4 WHEREAS, Beyond the teaching that occurs in a classroom,
5 educators and teachers fill a variety of roles in students' lives, including
6 role model, mentor, listener, and motivator; keep democracy alive by
7 laying the foundation for good citizenship; and often profoundly
8 influence their students in ways that remain with students long after their
9 school days are over; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

1 WHEREAS, In 1861, one of the first acts of the territorial
2 Colorado legislature was to call for the election of county superintendents
3 of schools and tax-supported districts; public schools immediately began
4 to color Colorado's landscape, demonstrating the value of education and
5 of learning about the world beyond our great mountains; in 1882, the first
6 school opened in what would become Delta County, and the school's first
7 teacher was Mrs. A.W. Carr; and

8 WHEREAS, The construction of a school building in a community
9 reflects the community's belief in the importance of education,
10 symbolizing the spirit of progress and societal advancement, and from
11 frontier times to modern day Colorado, schools and teachers have been
12 considered pillar entities and community members; and

13 WHEREAS, By 1930, Delta County contained 18 school districts,
14 and in 1950, plans to organize Delta County and several outlying areas
15 into one district were presented; a new school board was elected on
16 October 2, 1950, and, on January 1, 1951, Delta County Joint School
17 District 50J assumed complete responsibility for all operations of those
18 schools; and

19 WHEREAS, Running for 73 miles from Delta to Sapinero, State
20 Highway 92 winds along the rim of the Black Canyon, passing over the
21 Blue Mesa Dam and the Aspinall Unit; and

22 WHEREAS, Before crossing the Gunnison River, a stretch of State
23 Highway 92 travels through an unincorporated portion of Delta County,
24 colloquially known as "Read, Colorado", which was where one of the
25 earliest schools was built, along with a general store and post office to
26 support the families of local farmers and ranchers; and

27 WHEREAS, Aptly named, Read, Colorado, housed the original
28 headquarters for Delta County Joint School District 50J before it was
29 relocated to Delta, Colorado, in August 2018; and

30 WHEREAS, Today, District 50J operates 17 schools that, together,
31 due to the incredible efforts of more than 250 teachers and 450 education
32 support professionals, currently serve just shy of 4,500 students; and

33 WHEREAS, The presence of schools continues to be an important
34 symbol of community pride in rural areas of the state; teachers and
35 education support professionals do not just educate the next generation

1 of Coloradans--they also inspire lifelong learning, a passion to achieve
2 dreams, and values that drive success, and these lasting contributions to
3 a grateful state should be remembered; now, therefore,

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

6 (1) That the Colorado General Assembly recognizes our educators
7 and teachers for their invaluable labor to lay the foundation of lifelong
8 learning in the students of our state;

9 (2) That it is fitting and proper to designate the portion of State
10 Highway 92 from Mile Marker 3 to Mile Marker 7, and that travels
11 through Read, Colorado, as the "Educators and Teachers Memorial
12 Highway"; and

13 (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept
14 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of the initial
15 placement of signs to mark State Highway 92 from Mile Marker 3 to Mile
16 Marker 7 as the "Educators and Teachers Memorial Highway".

17 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
18 to the Colorado Education Association, the Delta County School District
19 50J School Board, the Delta County Board of County Commissioners, the
20 Delta County Historical Society, the Colorado State School Board, and
21 the Colorado Department of Transportation.