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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-1030

101 CONCERNING DESIGNATING A PORTION OF COLORADO HIGHWAY 14 IN
102 WELD COUNTY AS "MONO & MATT ROAD".

1 WHEREAS, On June 1, 2014, the Greeley community was deeply
2 saddened by the tragic loss of two vibrant young student athletes,
3 Eduardo "Mono" Hernandez and Matthew Garcia, following a traffic
4 accident on County Road 90 and Colorado Highway 14; and

5 WHEREAS, Both Mono and Matt were cherished members of the
6 Greeley Central High School basketball team, recognized by their
7 teammates and coaches for their exceptional character, sportsmanship,
8 and infectious spirits; and

9 WHEREAS, Mono and Matt were more than just teammates; they
10 were symbols of the dedication and heart that define the Greeley Central

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1 High School spirit—leaving an empty chair on the court that the
2 community still feels today; and

3 WHEREAS, The tragic accident on County Road 90 on June 1,
4 2014, served as a poignant reminder of the fragility of life and sparked a
5 renewed commitment to road safety and community support within Weld
6 County; and

7 WHEREAS, In the wake of their loss, the "Greeley Central family"
8 and the city at large demonstrated extraordinary resilience, coming
9 together in candlelight vigils and memorial games to ensure that the light
10 these two young men brought into the world would never be
11 extinguished; and

12 WHEREAS, Mono and Matt are remembered by their coaches and
13 peers for their infectious smiles and unwavering positive
14 energy—qualities that made them natural leaders and a friend to all who
15 knew them; and

16 WHEREAS, They were recognized for their tenacity and
17 sportsmanship, embodying the grit and determination of a true student
18 athlete both on and off the basketball court; and

19 WHEREAS, In the years following their passing, the community
20 has continued to honor their memory through tributes and memorials,
21 demonstrating the enduring impact these young men had on the lives of
22 those around them; and

23 WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that we preserve the legacy of
24 these two sons of Weld County by designating the site of their memory
25 as a place of lasting honor; and

26 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Colorado General Assembly to
27 ensure that the names of Eduardo "Mono" Hernandez and Matthew
28 Garcia remain etched into the geography of the state they called home,
29 serving as a permanent tribute to their youth, their friendship, and their
30 legacy; now, therefore,

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

33 (1) That the portion of Colorado Highway 14 between mile

1 marker 165 and mile marker 167 be designated as "Mono & Matt Road";

2 (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept
3 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purpose of the initial
4 placement of signs to mark the portion of Colorado Highway 14 between
5 mile marker 165 and mile marker 167 as "Mono & Matt Road"; and

6 (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore
7 a cooperative agreement with Weld County for the maintenance of the
8 signs marking "Mono & Matt Road".

9 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
10 to the families of Edwardo Hernandez and Matthew Garcia, the Weld
11 County Board of Commissioners, and the Greeley Central High School
12 Athletic Department.