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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-1023

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF HIGHWAY 66 AS THE**
102 **"TROOPER TAYLOR THYFAULT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".**

1 WHEREAS, Trooper Taylor Thyfault was born on September 12,
2 1993, in Fort Collins, Colorado; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1998, Trooper Thyfault and his mother, Carole
4 Adler, moved to Windsor, Colorado, where he attended Windsor High
5 School and was the goalie for his high school's lacrosse team; and

6 WHEREAS, At age 17, during the summer between his junior and
7 senior years of high school, Trooper Thyfault joined the United States
8 Army and attended basic training in South Carolina; and

9 WHEREAS, After graduating from Windsor High School in 2012,

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

HOUSE
Final Reading
April 21, 2017

1 Trooper Thyfault continued down the military path; and

2 WHEREAS, Trooper Thyfault always wanted to protect those who
3 couldn't protect themselves and law enforcement seemed like a natural fit,
4 so in March 2015 he entered into the Colorado State Patrol Academy
5 (Academy) with ambition and pride; and

6 WHEREAS, Early in his training at the Academy, Trooper
7 Thyfault exhibited strong leadership skills and was full of potential,
8 setting the bar high for those who have and will continue to follow in his
9 footsteps; and

10 WHEREAS, On May 23, 2015, Trooper Thyfault, who was riding
11 with Trooper Clinton Rushing that day as part of his field training, was
12 working on the scene of an accident on Highway 66 near County Line
13 Road in Boulder County when both troopers were notified of a vehicle
14 being pursued in a high speed police chase; and

15 WHEREAS, The vehicle careened into the accident scene and
16 struck both Trooper Thyfault and Trooper Rushing while they were trying
17 to deploy "stop sticks", and Trooper Thyfault did not survive the fatal
18 impact; and

19 WHEREAS, Before being struck by the vehicle, Trooper Thyfault
20 shouted at a tow-truck driver, who was at the scene because of the prior
21 accident, to stay off the road, saving his life; and

22 WHEREAS, For that final act of heroism, then-Cadet Thyfault was
23 promoted posthumously to the rank of Trooper; and

24 WHEREAS, Colorado State Patrol Chief Scott Hernandez said
25 Trooper Thyfault's actions that day defined the man he was and the kind
26 of trooper others strive to be, and that they were honored to be wearing
27 the uniform with him; and

28 WHEREAS, In May 2016, for his exceptional service and
29 sacrifice, Trooper Thyfault's name was added to the National Law
30 Enforcement Memorial to honor fallen officers; and

31 WHEREAS, In his passing, there have been many people who
32 knew Trooper Thyfault that have shared their stories of his kind heart,
33 goofiness, laughter, smile, leadership skills, and how much he cared for

1 others; and

2 WHEREAS, Trooper Thyfault's mother, Carole, said that if you
3 asked Taylor, he would do it all over again because it was his dream to
4 protect and serve his country and community, and she is humbled by the
5 fact that, at such a young age, he accomplished so much good in his life;
6 now, therefore,

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

9 (1) That the portion of Highway 66 from Mile Marker 32 to Mile
10 Marker 36 in Longmont, Colorado, be renamed the "Trooper Taylor
11 Thyfault Memorial Highway";

12 (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept
13 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of the initial
14 placement of signs to mark Highway 66 from Mile Marker 32 to Mile
15 Marker 36 as the "Trooper Taylor Thyfault Memorial Highway"; and

16 (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore
17 a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for
18 Boulder County for the maintenance of the signs marking the "Trooper
19 Taylor Thyfault Memorial Highway".

20 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
21 to Trooper Taylor Thyfault's mother, Carole Adler; Mayor of Longmont
22 Dennis Coombs; the Longmont City Council; the Board of County
23 Commissioners for Boulder County; Captain Brett Mattson of the
24 Colorado State Patrol; Chief Scott Hernandez of the Colorado State
25 Patrol; Public Safety Chief Mike Butler; Congressman Ken Buck;
26 Boulder District Attorney Stanley Garnett; Boulder Chief Trial Deputy
27 District Attorney Karen Lorenz; Denver Assistant District Attorney Ryan
28 Brackley; Boulder County Sheriff Joe Pelle; United States Senator
29 Michael Bennet; United States Senator Cory Gardner; the Executive
30 Director of the Department of Transportation, Shailen Bhatt; and the
31 Colorado Transportation Commission.