



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-1023

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, After graduating from Windsor High School in 2012, Trooper Thyfault continued down the military path; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Trooper Taylor Thyfault's mother, Carole Adler; Mayor of Longmont Dennis Coombs; the Longmont City Council; the Board of County Commissioners for Boulder County; Captain Brett Mattson of the Colorado State Patrol; Chief Scott Hernandez of the Colorado State Patrol; Public Safety Chief Mike Butler; Congressman Ken Buck; Boulder District Attorney Stanley Garnett; Boulder Chief Trial Deputy District Attorney Karen Lorenz; Denver Assistant District Attorney Ryan Brackley; Boulder County Sheriff Joe Pelle; United States Senator

Michael Bennet; United States Senator Cory Gardner; the Executive Director of the Department of Transportation, Shailen Bhatt; and the Colorado Transportation Commission.

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