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(None),

House Committees

Senate Committees

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 19-1012

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF COLORADO STATE HIGHWAY 115**
102 **BETWEEN MILE MARKERS 7 AND 10.34 THROUGH THE CITY OF**
103 **FLORENCE AS THE "SFC RAY ADAM ARCHULETTA MEMORIAL**
104 **HIGHWAY".**

1 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Ray Adam Archuletta was born
2 in Florence, Colorado, on December 24, 1936; and

3 WHEREAS, SFC Archuletta enlisted in the United States Army
4 in 1954 at 18 years old; and

5 WHEREAS, SFC Archuletta had a lengthy career of military
6 service, and notably participated in a search and destroy mission near Tuy
7 Hoa, Vietnam, at the direction of the President of the United States, for
8 which he earned a Bronze Star in 1966; and

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

1 WHEREAS, SFC Archuletta began his second tour in Vietnam on
2 March 10, 1967; and

3 WHEREAS, On September 7, 1967, as SFC Archuletta and his
4 platoon were moving a wounded man to a landing zone for extraction
5 from the battlefield, the platoon suddenly came under intense enemy fire;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, SFC Archuletta, upon seeing his machine-gunner
8 wounded and without regard to his own safety, ordered the gunner's
9 evacuation and rushed toward the enemy to provide covering fire; and

10 WHEREAS, When a medic was unable to carry the wounded man
11 under his own strength, SFC Archuletta again moved through enemy fire
12 to assist the evacuation to a wooded area nearby; and

13 WHEREAS, SFC Archuletta became seriously wounded in the gun
14 battle as they approached the wood line, and in one final act of valor sent
15 the medic and the wounded gunner on while he stayed behind to provide
16 covering fire; and

17 WHEREAS, For his years of military service and for making the
18 ultimate sacrifice, SFC Archuletta was awarded the Bronze Star for
19 Heroism, three Silver Stars, a Purple Heart, an Army Commendation
20 Medal, a National Defense Service Medal, a Vietnam Service Medal, and
21 a Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

22 WHEREAS, SFC Archuletta gave his life in the service of others,
23 and his sacrifice to his country should be remembered; and

24 WHEREAS, It is fitting that we honor the life and valor of such a
25 hero, so devoted to country, and who saved lives directly in the line of
26 duty; now, therefore,

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

30 (1) That Colorado State Highway 115 between Mile Markers 7
31 and 10.34 through the city of Florence be designated as the "SFC Ray
32 Adam Archuletta Memorial Highway";

1 (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept
2 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purpose of the initial
3 placement of signs at Mile Markers 7 and 10.34 of Colorado State
4 Highway 115 for the "SFC Ray Adam Archuletta Memorial Highway";
5 and

6 (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore
7 a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of
8 Fremont County for the maintenance of the markings for the "SFC Ray
9 Adam Archuletta Memorial Highway".

10 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
11 to LaCole Archuletta and the Board of County Commissioners of
12 Fremont County.