



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 19-1012

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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