



HOUSE RESOLUTION 19-1008

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF COLORADO STATE HIGHWAY 470 BETWEEN MILEPOSTS 7 AND 15 AS THE "DAVE SANDERS MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".

WHEREAS, William "Dave" Sanders was a computer science and business teacher at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado, for twenty-five years; and

WHEREAS, Dave Sanders also coached varsity basketball and softball and was recognized as both a friend and mentor; and

WHEREAS, Known as a man who would do anything in his power to help his family and students, Dave Sanders dedicated extra time to advising students, as well as writing many recommendation letters to colleges and helping students find jobs; and

WHEREAS, Twenty years ago, on April 20, 1999, two gunmen arrived at Columbine High School and began an attack now known as the Columbine High School Massacre; and

WHEREAS, When the gunmen started firing outside the school, Dave Sanders ran to the cafeteria and sounded the alarm, and along with two of the school's janitors helped get more than one hundred students out of the path of danger by herding them away from the gunmen; and

WHEREAS, Dave Sanders then continued to the upstairs hall of the school and was attempting to get students safely hidden in classrooms when he was shot from behind by one of the gunmen; and

WHEREAS, Though able to get himself into a science lab to hide, and despite the assistance of students, Dave Sanders succumbed to his injuries before help could arrive; and

WHEREAS, In the face of terror, and without regard for his own safety, Dave Sanders' quick action was able to save untold numbers of lives that day; and

WHEREAS, Dave Sanders gave his life to save others, and it is fitting that we honor the life and memory of such a hero, so devoted to his students, friends, and family; now, therefore,

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

(1) That the portion of Colorado State Highway 470 between Mileposts 7 and 15 be officially designated as the "Dave Sanders 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 on Colorado State Highway 470 at Mileposts 7 and 15 for the "Dave Sanders Memorial Highway"; and

(3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County for the maintenance of the markings for the "Dave Sanders Memorial Highway".

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Resolution be sent to Governor Jared Polis, the members of Colorado's congressional delegation, and the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County.

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