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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21-018**

101     **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 287**  
102             **FROM THE INTERSECTION OF STATE HIGHWAY 66 TO THE**  
103             **INTERSECTION OF STATE HIGHWAY 402 AS THE "SPC GABRIEL**  
104             **DAVID CONDE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".**

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1             WHEREAS, Gabriel "Gabe" David Conde was born on November  
2     2, 1995; and

3             WHEREAS, Gabe Conde was raised in Missouri and moved with  
4     his family to Berthoud, Colorado, in 2009; and

5             WHEREAS, Gabe Conde was an athlete and stellar student at  
6     Berthoud High School, and spent his time hunting, camping, and seeking  
7     adventures in his signature white hat and boots that he was never without;  
8     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, Though he excelled academically and attended the  
2 Colorado School of Mines as a freshman, Gabe Conde was drawn to a life  
3 of service with the goal of becoming a Green Beret; and

4           WHEREAS, SPC Conde enlisted in the United States Army as a  
5 Special Forces recruit in 2015 and was assigned to the 3rd Battalion,  
6 509th Infantry Regiment, 4th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, 25th  
7 Infantry Division stationed at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson in  
8 Anchorage, Alaska, until his deployment to Afghanistan in 2017; and

9           WHEREAS, Nearing the end of his deployment, on April 30,  
10 2018, SPC Conde was killed in action by small arms fire during a combat  
11 operation; and

12           WHEREAS, To honor the memory and legacy of SPC Conde, a  
13 man described by friends and family as a gentleman, a true warrior, and  
14 a man of God, veterans and active duty military in his hometown of  
15 Berthoud, Colorado chartered a new VFW post in his name; and

16           WHEREAS, Berthoud VFW Post 12189 was chartered on April  
17 30, 2019, exactly one year following SPC Conde's death; and

18           WHEREAS, SPC Conde served his country and lived his life with  
19 honor, dignity, and integrity, and was a hero to all who knew him; and

20           WHEREAS, It is only fitting that SPC Conde's bravery and love  
21 of God, his country, and his fellow man be recognized so that we may  
22 never forget his sacrifice to our great nation; now, therefore,

23           *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-third General*  
24 *Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives*  
25 *concurring herein:*

26           (1) That the portion of United States Highway 287 from the  
27 intersection of State Highway 66 to the intersection of State Highway 402  
28 be designated as the "SPC Gabriel David Conde Memorial Highway".

29           (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept  
30 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of the initial  
31 placement of signs to mark United States Highway 287 from the  
32 intersection of State Highway 66 to the intersection of State Highway 402

1 as the "SPC Gabriel David Conde Memorial Highway".

2 (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore  
3 a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for  
4 Boulder and Larimer counties for the maintenance of the signs marking  
5 the "SPC Gabriel David Conde Memorial Highway".

6 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
7 to his mother and father Donna and Bob Conde, his uncle Monse Conde,  
8 VFW Post 12189 Commander Ryan Armagost, the Board of County  
9 Commissioners of Boulder County, and the Board of County  
10 Commissioners of Larimer County.