



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21-018

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Gabe Conde was an athlete and stellar student at Berthoud High School, and spent his time hunting, camping, and seeking adventures in his signature white hat and boots that he was never without; and

WHEREAS, Though he excelled academically and attended the Colorado School of Mines as a freshman, Gabe Conde was drawn to a life of service with the goal of becoming a Green Beret; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

intersection of State Highway 66 to the intersection of State Highway 402 as the "SPC Gabriel David Conde Memorial Highway".

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

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

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