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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22-1014

101 CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF COLORADO STATE
102 HIGHWAY 21 FROM KETTLE CREEK TO WOODMEN ROAD IN EL
103 PASO COUNTY AS THE "SFC WILL LINDSAY MEMORIAL
104 HIGHWAY".

1 WHEREAS, Will Lindsay was born on August 26, 1985, in
2 Cortez, Colorado to Grant and Tammy Lindsay, graduating from
3 Montezuma Cortez High School in 2004; and

4 WHEREAS, Will joined the United States Army immediately after
5 graduating high school, enlisting on July 7, 2004, and married the love of
6 his life Sarah Unger in 2010, and together they had four daughters who
7 were the center of their world; and

8 WHEREAS, After completing Basic Training and Airborne

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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 School, Will volunteered for and completed the Special Forces Selection
2 and Qualification Courses, earning his Green Beret in July 2006, and was
3 assigned to the 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne) at Fort Carson,
4 Colorado as an Assistant Operations and Intelligence Sergeant with Alpha
5 Company, 2nd Battalion; and

6 WHEREAS, On February 6, 2019, Sergeant First Class (SFC) Will
7 Lindsay deployed to Kunduz Province in Afghanistan in support of
8 Freedom Sentinel VIII and XI, Operation Warhammer; and

9 WHEREAS, The deployment had a high operational tempo, as the
10 goal of Operation Warhammer was to establish peace in the region by
11 bringing Al Qaeda to the negotiation table; and

12 WHEREAS, On March 21, 2019, during operations in Kunduz
13 City, SFC Lindsay's element came under heavy volumes of effective
14 machine-gun and small-arms fire from multiple directions and from
15 enemy positions as close as 25 meters from friendly locations; and

16 WHEREAS, Under heavy contact and exposed with little cover,
17 SFC Lindsay immediately directed his element to lay down suppressive
18 fire and employ hand grenades against nearby enemy fighters to suppress
19 the enemy firing positions; and

20 WHEREAS, SFC Lindsay's element immediately sustained
21 casualties from enemy machine-gun fire, and the detonation of an
22 improvised explosive device (IED) rendered his machine gunners
23 unconscious; and

24 WHEREAS, Without hesitation and with full knowledge of the
25 enemy threat, SFC Lindsay continually exposed himself to enemy fire to
26 suppress enemy machine gunners with his individual weapon and hand
27 grenades; and

28 WHEREAS, SFC Lindsay's action provided covering fire for
29 wounded personnel and medics attempting to establish a hasty casualty
30 collection point to provide critical treatment; and

31 WHEREAS, Realizing that his element contained multiple
32 wounded in action and was in imminent danger of being destroyed by
33 enemy machine-gun fire, SFC Lindsay completely exposed himself in the
34 open to place more effective fire on the enemy and was wounded by

1 enemy machine-gun fire; and

2 WHEREAS, Despite having been wounded, SFC Lindsay bravely
3 and selflessly maintained his position, suppressed the enemy forces, and
4 coordinated the approach of friendly forces coming to his element's aid;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, In a final attempt to defeat the enemy, SFC Lindsay
7 sprinted across an open road in an effort to mark enemy positions and
8 regain the initiative from the Taliban and during this attempt, SFC
9 Lindsay was mortally wounded; and

10 WHEREAS, SFC Lindsay's conscious decision to continually
11 expose himself to heavy volumes of fire from a determined, entrenched,
12 and well-equipped enemy undoubtedly protected the lives of all within his
13 element and directly contributed to the fatal wound he suffered; and

14 WHEREAS, SFC Lindsay was killed in action when he
15 succumbed to his wounds on March 21, 2019, in Talawka Village,
16 Kunduz Province, Afghanistan; and

17 WHEREAS, During his 15 years of service, SFC Lindsay deployed
18 seven times: Five deployments to Iraq, one to Tajikistan in support of a
19 counter-narcotics mission, and one to Afghanistan; and

20 WHEREAS, SFC Lindsay's military decorations include the Silver
21 Star Medal, four Bronze Star Medals, one Meritorious Service Medal, a
22 Purple Heart, a Combat Infantryman's Badge, a Military Free Fall
23 Jumpmaster Badge, and a Master Parachutist Badge; and

24 WHEREAS, SFC Lindsay was a devoted husband, dedicated
25 father, and true son of Colorado who held a deep love of hunting and
26 fishing and working with his hands and would often shame his friends on
27 the golf course with his mid-seventies game; now, therefore,

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

30 (1) That a portion of Colorado State Highway 21 from Kettle
31 Creek to Woodmen Road be named the "SFC Will Lindsay Memorial
32 Highway" in honor of Sergeant First Class Will Lindsay's lifetime of
33 honorable service and heroic sacrifice.

1 (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept
2 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of the initial
3 placement of signs to mark the designated section of Colorado State
4 Highway 21 as the "SFC Will Lindsay Memorial Highway".

5 (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore
6 a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for El
7 Paso County for the maintenance of signs marking the "SFC Will Lindsay
8 Memorial Highway".

9 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
10 to SFC Lindsay's wife, Sarah Unger, the Colorado Transportation
11 Commission, the Department of Transportation, and the Special Forces
12 Foundation (CO Branch).