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**HJR23-1020**

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**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 23-1020**

101      **CONCERNING HONORING POLICE OFFICER JULIAN BECERRA.**

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1            WHEREAS, Julian Becerra, a police officer with the Fountain  
2 Police Department, departed this life on February 11, 2023, at the age of  
3 35; and

4            WHEREAS, Officer Becerra was born on September 8, 1987, in  
5 Chihuahua, Mexico, and moved to the United States with his family when  
6 he was only 10 years of age; and

7            WHEREAS, Officer Becerra was a member of the Fountain Police  
8 Department in Fountain, Colorado, for four and one-half years, where he  
9 served as a K-9 Officer assigned to the patrol division and was  
10 affectionately known as "JB"; and

11            WHEREAS, Prior to joining the Fountain Police Department,

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SENATE  
Final Reading  
April 27, 2023

HOUSE  
Final Reading  
April 13, 2023

1 Officer Becerra worked for the El Paso County Sheriff's Office from  
2 2014 to 2018, first as a security technician for the county jail in Colorado  
3 Springs, Colorado, and later as a deputy sheriff, and was also a veteran of  
4 the United States Air Force; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Becerra died in the line of duty, safeguarding  
6 and protecting the community he had sworn to serve, having sustained  
7 critical injuries after a tragic fall from an overpass on February 2, 2023,  
8 while in foot pursuit of suspects; his end of watch on Saturday, February  
9 11, 2023, at 7:14 p.m. saw him surrounded by his family, friends, and  
10 loved ones, and he is survived by his wife and two children; and

11 WHEREAS, The funeral procession in Colorado Springs for  
12 Officer Becerra, which began at Penrose Hospital and concluded at the  
13 El Paso County Coroner's Office, featured the participation of over 100  
14 vehicles, exemplifying the tremendous outpouring of support and  
15 appreciation for Officer Becerra that has arisen from law enforcement and  
16 the community at large in light of his passing; and

17 WHEREAS, Acknowledgment of Officer Becerra's heroism and  
18 commendable policing has poured in from all across the nation, with  
19 special recognition coming from every corner of Colorado, including  
20 Colorado schoolchildren, whom Officer Becerra went out of his way to  
21 support and establish community connections with; the mayor of  
22 Fountain, Sharon Thompson; many of Colorado's state and federal  
23 representatives; aspiring officers from the Pikes Peak Law Enforcement  
24 Academy, who benefitted from Officer Becerra's mentorship; the  
25 Colorado Springs Police Protective Association and the Southern  
26 Colorado Law Enforcement Foundation; and, in particular, the public  
27 servants of police departments, sheriffs' offices and departments, and  
28 other law enforcement agencies throughout Colorado; and

29 WHEREAS, In the words of Fountain Police Department's Chief  
30 of Police, Chris Heberer, Officer Becerra was "the ultimate quiet  
31 professional", an officer who "did policing the right way . . . and treated  
32 people with respect", and who, above all, served and protected his  
33 community "with great distinction and great integrity"; and

34 WHEREAS, Officer Becerra spent his entire professional career  
35 tirelessly providing peace and safety to all those around him and to the  
36 larger communities he was a part of, spent his life endlessly loving and  
37 nurturing his family, and now rests in the memory, with all the gratitude

1 and deep appreciation, of all the citizens of the state of Colorado; now,  
2 therefore,

3 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*  
4 *Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate*  
5 *concurring herein:*

6 That, in the death of Julian Becerra, the people of the state of  
7 Colorado have lost a devoted public servant, an outstanding citizen, and  
8 an exceptional police officer, and that we, the members of the  
9 Seventy-fourth General Assembly, pay tribute to Officer Becerra for his  
10 years of dedicated public service and do hereby extend our deep and  
11 heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family.

12 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
13 to the Fountain Police Department, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office,  
14 the Colorado Springs Police Department, Penrose Hospital, Flight for  
15 Life Colorado, the Colorado Springs Police Protective Association, the  
16 Colorado State Patrol, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, and  
17 Colorado Governor Jared Polis.