



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 24-1003

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also SENATOR(S) Coleman and Exum, Buckner, Cutter, Marchman, Roberts, Baisley, Bridges, Danielson, Fields, Gardner, Ginal, Gonzales, Hansen, Hinrichsen, Jaquez Lewis, Kirkmeyer, Kolker, Liston, Lundeen, Michaelson Jenet, Pelton B., Pelton R., Priola, Rich, Rodriguez, Simpson, Smallwood, Sullivan, Van Winkle, Will, Winter F., Zenzinger, Fenberg.

CONCERNING DESIGNATION OF THE PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 36 IN BOULDER COUNTY FROM MILE MARKER 32 TO MILE MARKER 37 AS THE "DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" BY THE PLACEMENT OF SIGNS IN EACH DIRECTION OF TRAVEL WHERE THE DESIGNATED PORTION OF THE HIGHWAY BEGINS.

WHEREAS, The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., one of America's most compelling and effective civil rights leaders, was born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. King knew at an early age that he wanted to help Black Americans, the poor, and the needy gain their well-deserved place in society in pursuit of freedom, liberty, and justice; and

WHEREAS, At the beginning of the civil rights era, with Rosa Parks' refusal to give up her seat to a white man in 1955 leading to the Montgomery bus boycott, Rev. Dr. King introduced a new movement of nonviolence to fight against the ill-treatment of Black people; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference he led began a massive direct action campaign in Birmingham, Alabama to attack the city's system of segregation; and

WHEREAS, When hundreds of Black children who marched as freedom fighters were arrested, blasted with high-pressure hoses, clubbed by police officers, and attacked by police dogs, coverage of these events appeared on television and in newspapers, and triggered international outrage; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. King became the most anticipated speaker at the March on Washington in 1963, delivering his signature "I Have a Dream" speech, which included the line, "Let freedom ring from the snow-capped Rockies of Colorado"; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. King used his revolutionary tactic of nonviolence to press for justice for all, systematically challenging the unjust segregation laws that had excluded so many people for hundreds of years, and his adherence to a nonviolent path toward justice was instrumental in the signing of the "Civil Rights Act of 1964"; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. King continuously led our country towards a righteous and democratic society, bringing about the "Voting Rights Act of 1965", and was recognized and honored as the youngest person ever to receive the Nobel Peace Prize; and

WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. King highly valued courage, truth, compassion, dignity, humility, and service to others, envisioning the "Beloved Community" in which we all belong and live in freedom, and fought for social equity and belonging, peace, and freedom from prejudice; and

WHEREAS, At 6:05 P.M. on Thursday, April 4, 1968, Rev. Dr. King was shot and killed while standing on a balcony outside his second floor room at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, but his dream lives inside each and every one of us who desires to carry the torch of justice; and

WHEREAS, The NAACP Boulder County Branch annually honors the life and legacy of Rev. Dr. King during this federal and state holiday; now, therefore,

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

(1) That the portion of United States Highway 36 in Boulder County from Mile Marker 32 to Mile Marker 37 be designated as the "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Highway" by the placement of signs in each direction of travel where the designated portion of the highway begins.

(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 36 in Boulder County at southbound Mile Marker 32 and northbound Mile Marker 37 as the "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Highway".

(3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for Boulder County for the maintenance of the signs marking the "Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Highway".

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the NAACP Boulder County Branch, the City of Boulder, and the Boulder County Commissioners.

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