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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 20-1003

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 24**
102 **FROM THE INTERSECTION OF GARRETT ROAD TO THE**
103 **INTERSECTION OF ELBERT ROAD IN FALCON, COLORADO, AS**
104 **THE "SGM JAMES GREGORY RYAN SARTOR MEMORIAL**
105 **HIGHWAY".**

1 WHEREAS, James Gregory Ryan Sartor was born on September
2 23, 1978; and

3 WHEREAS, Ryan Sartor was raised in Teague, Texas, and met his
4 wife Deanna in College Station, Texas, and together they made a home
5 in Falcon, Colorado, with their three children, Stryder, Grace, and Garrett;
6 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, Sergeant Major (SGM) Sartor enlisted in the United
2 States Army in 2001 and was soon deployed as an infantryman in the 3rd
3 Infantry Division to help lead the Invasion of Iraq in 2002; and

4 WHEREAS, Upon returning from his first deployment in Iraq,
5 SGM Sartor was selected for the Special Forces Qualification Course and
6 earned his Green Beret; and

7 WHEREAS, SGM Sartor served the next 14 years as a Special
8 Forces Green Beret, and was deployed more than a dozen times to
9 Germany, Israel, and Africa, and including combat operations in Iraq and
10 Afghanistan; and

11 WHEREAS, Due to the breadth of his talent, skills, and dedication
12 to service, SGM Sartor earned many awards and decorations, including
13 the Bronze Star Medal with three oak clusters, the Defense Meritorious
14 Service Medal, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Army
15 Commendation Medal with three oak clusters, the Army Achievement
16 Medal, the Presidential Unit Citation Award, the Joint Meritorious Unit
17 Award, the Valorous Unit Award with two oak leaf clusters, the
18 Meritorious Unit Citation with one oak leaf cluster, and the National
19 Defense Service Medal; and

20 WHEREAS, SGM Sartor also earned the Special Forces Tab, the
21 Ranger Tab, the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Senior Parachutist
22 Badge, the Special Operations Diver Badge, and the Dive Supervisor
23 Badge; and

24 WHEREAS, On February 7, 2019, SGM Sartor said goodbye to
25 his family and departed for what would become his final deployment to
26 serve as Company Sergeant Major for Alpha Company, 2nd Battalion of
27 10th Special Forces Group; and

28 WHEREAS, SGM Sartor was always a muddy boots leader and
29 accordingly went out on at least one mission with each of his teams; and

30 WHEREAS, On July 13, 2019, SGM Sartor went out with his final
31 team located in Faryab Province in Afghanistan, and came under enemy
32 fire, sustaining injuries from small-arms fire, and sadly died from those
33 injuries; and

34 WHEREAS, SGM Sartor was posthumously awarded the Purple

1 Heart, the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star Medal; and

2 WHEREAS, SGM Sartor served his country well and lived a life
3 that honored God with dignity and integrity, and is still known as a man
4 that even other Green Berets look up to; and

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

8 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*
9 *Seventy-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate*
10 *concurring herein:*

11 (1) That the portion of United States Highway 24 from the
12 intersection of Garrett Road to the intersection of Elbert Road in Falcon,
13 Colorado, be designated as the "SGM James Gregory Ryan Sartor
14 Memorial Highway".

15 (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept
16 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of the initial
17 placement of signs to mark United States Highway 24 from the
18 intersection of Garrett Road to the intersection of Elbert Road in Falcon,
19 Colorado, as the "SGM James Gregory Ryan Sartor Memorial Highway".

20 (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore
21 a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for El
22 Paso County for the maintenance of the signs marking the "SGM James
23 Gregory Ryan Sartor Memorial Highway".

24 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
25 to Deanna Sartor and the Board of County Commissioners for El Paso
26 County.