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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 17-1029

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 76 AS THE**
102 **"COLORADO POLLINATOR HIGHWAY".**

1 WHEREAS, Pollinators, such as butterflies and bees, are valuable
2 to Colorado's agriculture and native ecosystems; and

3 WHEREAS, Native pollinators, as well as honeybees and
4 beekeepers, provide pollination services across the state; and

5 WHEREAS, Agriculture in Colorado greatly benefits from both
6 honeybees and native pollinators, with an estimated \$24 billion in
7 economic impact annually across the nation; and

8 WHEREAS, Pollinators rely on a healthy, diverse habitat and
9 access to three seasons of flowering native-plant communities for

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1 foraging, nesting, and breeding; and

2 WHEREAS, A healthy, diverse habitat promotes pollinator
3 migration and can help provide pollination services to adjacent
4 landowners, and in recent years habitat fragmentation has played a role
5 in declining pollinator habitats; and

6 WHEREAS, Our highways provide a unique opportunity to utilize
7 Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management to benefit pollinators,
8 agriculture, and adjacent landowners; and

9 WHEREAS, The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT)
10 can reduce maintenance costs along a right-of-way by utilizing Integrated
11 Roadside Vegetation Management and limiting roadside disturbance,
12 which tools allow CDOT better management and coordination
13 opportunities with landowners and local governments and provide
14 regional planning and coordination; now, therefore,

15 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-first*
16 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

17 (1) That Interstate Highway 76 from Mile Marker 1 to Mile
18 Marker 183 be renamed the "Colorado Pollinator Highway";

19 (2) The Colorado Department of Transportation is encouraged to
20 implement Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management in coordination
21 with regional planners, local governments, and adjacent landowners in
22 order to better manage a right-of-way to promote pollinator habitat;

23 (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept
24 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of the initial
25 placement of signs to mark Interstate Highway 76 from Mile Marker 1 to
26 Mile Marker 183 as the "Colorado Pollinator Highway"; and

27 (4) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore
28 a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners in
29 Jefferson County and Sedgwick County for the maintenance of the signs
30 marking the "Colorado Pollinator Highway".

31 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
32 to the People and Pollinators Action Network; Jefferson County Board of
33 County Commissioners; Adams County Board of County Commissioners;

1 Weld County Board of County Commissioners; Washington County
2 Board of County Commissioners; Sedgwick County Board of County
3 Commissioners; Logan County Commissioners; Morgan County
4 Commissioners; the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of
5 Transportation Shailen Bhatt; and the Colorado Transportation
6 Commission.