



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 26-1030

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CONCERNING DESIGNATING A PORTION OF COLORADO HIGHWAY 14 IN WELD COUNTY AS "MONO & MATT ROAD".

WHEREAS, On June 1, 2014, the Greeley community was deeply saddened by the tragic loss of two vibrant young student athletes, Eduardo "Mono" Hernandez and Matthew Garcia, following a traffic accident on County Road 90 and Colorado Highway 14; and

WHEREAS, Both Mono and Matt were cherished members of the Greeley Central High School basketball team, recognized by their teammates and coaches for their exceptional character, sportsmanship, and infectious spirits; and

WHEREAS, Mono and Matt were more than just teammates; they were symbols of the dedication and heart that define the Greeley Central High School spirit—leaving an empty chair on the court that the community still feels today; and

WHEREAS, The tragic accident on County Road 90 on June 1, 2014, served as a poignant reminder of the fragility of life and sparked a renewed commitment to road safety and community support within Weld County; and

WHEREAS, In the wake of their loss, the "Greeley Central family" and the city at large demonstrated extraordinary resilience, coming together in candlelight vigils and memorial games to ensure that the light these two young men brought into the world would never be extinguished; and

WHEREAS, Mono and Matt are remembered by their coaches and peers for their infectious smiles and unwavering positive energy—qualities that made them natural leaders and a friend to all who knew them; and

WHEREAS, They were recognized for their tenacity and sportsmanship, embodying the grit and determination of a true student athlete both on and off the basketball court; and

WHEREAS, In the years following their passing, the community has continued to honor their memory through tributes and memorials, demonstrating the enduring impact these young men had on the lives of those around them; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that we preserve the legacy of these two sons of Weld County by designating the site of their memory as a place of lasting honor; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the Colorado General Assembly to ensure that the names of Edwardo "Mono" Hernandez and Matthew Garcia remain etched into the geography of the state they called home, serving as a permanent tribute to their youth, their friendship, and their legacy; now, therefore,

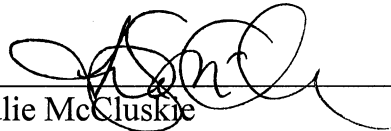
Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:

(1) That the portion of Colorado Highway 14 between mile marker 165 and mile marker 167 be designated as "Mono & Matt Road";

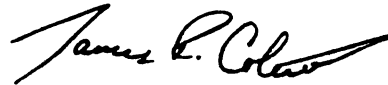
(2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purpose of the initial placement of signs to mark the portion of Colorado Highway 14 between mile marker 165 and mile marker 167 as "Mono & Matt Road"; and

(3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore a cooperative agreement with Weld County for the maintenance of the signs marking "Mono & Matt Road".

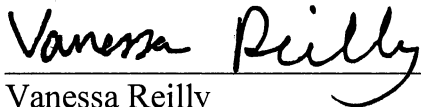
Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the families of Eduardo Hernandez and Matthew Garcia, the Weld County Board of Commissioners, and the Greeley Central High School Athletic Department.



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