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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 21-1011

101 **CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF UNITED STATES**
102 **HIGHWAY 160 AS THE "DEPUTY TRAVIS RUSSELL AND DEPUTY**
103 **SERGEANT MATTHEW TROY MORENO MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".**

1 WHEREAS, Deputy Travis Russell of the Las Animas County
2 Sheriff's department was killed in a rollover crash while on duty in
3 Trinidad on Tuesday, March 1, 2016; and

4 WHEREAS, Deputy Russell was driving eastbound on Stonewall
5 Avenue just west of Prospect Street when his vehicle veered into the
6 westbound lanes and hit an unoccupied vehicle; and

7 WHEREAS, Deputy Russell's 2009 Ford Expedition rolled onto
8 its passenger side; 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.
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SENATE
Final Reading
June 8, 2021

HOUSE
Final Reading
June 4, 2021

1 WHEREAS, Emergency crews transported Deputy Russell to
2 Mount San Rafael Hospital in Trinidad, where he died; and

3 WHEREAS, Deputy Russell served with the Las Animas County
4 Sheriff's Office for a total of 10 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Only a few years later, another Las Animas County
6 Sheriff's Office deputy lost his life in a vehicle crash; and

7 WHEREAS, On Wednesday, December 12, 2018, Deputy Sergeant
8 Matthew Troy Moreno was killed in a vehicle crash on Highway 12, near
9 Valdez, while responding to a domestic incident at 8:00 p.m.; and

10 WHEREAS, Sergeant Moreno's patrol pickup and a second patrol
11 vehicle both collided with a vehicle that was traveling in the opposite
12 direction; and

13 WHEREAS, Sergeant Moreno and the two occupants of the other
14 vehicle, including an infant, all succumbed to their injuries, while a
15 deputy in Sergeant Moreno's vehicle and the deputy in the second patrol
16 car were both injured; and

17 WHEREAS, The investigation of the crash revealed that the
18 vehicle that struck them was driving 96 mph in a 45 mph zone and its
19 driver had excessive levels of intoxication at the time of the crash; and

20 WHEREAS, Sergeant Moreno had served with the Las Animas
21 County Sheriff's Office for five years; now, therefore,

22 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-third*
23 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

24 (1) That the portion of United States Highway 160 from Mile
25 Marker 347 to Mile Marker 348 be designated as the "Deputy Travis
26 Russell and Deputy Sergeant Matthew Troy Moreno Memorial Highway".

27 (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept
28 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of the initial
29 placement of signs to mark that portion of United States Highway 160 as
30 the "Deputy Travis Russell and Deputy Sergeant Matthew Troy Moreno
31 Memorial Highway".

1 (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore
2 a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for
3 Las Animas County for the maintenance of the signs marking the "Deputy
4 Travis Russell and Deputy Sergeant Matthew Troy Moreno Memorial
5 Highway".

6 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
7 to Deputy Russell's spouse, Meghan Russell, and his children Brenna,
8 Evan, and Chloe; Sergeant Moreno's father Ed Moreno and mother
9 Christine Dagnillo; Sergeant Moreno's fiancée Niccole Cordova; Eva
10 Moreno, mother of Sergeant Moreno's children; and Sergeant Moreno's
11 children Jared, Summer, and Morgan.