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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 22-1018

101 CONCERNING DESIGNATING THE PORTION OF COLORADO STATE
102 HIGHWAY 14 FROM MILE MARKER 153 TO MILE MARKER 154
103 IN WELD COUNTY AS THE "COLONEL STAN CASS MEMORIAL
104 HIGHWAY".

1 WHEREAS, United States Army Colonel Stan Cass was born in
2 Briggsdale, Colorado, on July 29, 1933; and

3 WHEREAS, Stan Cass attended Briggsdale High School and
4 worked on his family's farm until he graduated and applied to the United
5 States Military Academy at West Point; and

6 WHEREAS, He was accepted to West Point after taking classes
7 at what is now Colorado State University, but at the time was known as
8 the Colorado State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts; 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, After graduating from West Point in 1957, Colonel
2 Cass was first stationed in France and Germany, but was later transferred
3 to Vietnam in 1966 to command a helicopter unit in the Vietnam War;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, It was in Vietnam in 1972 where he met his future
6 wife, Cecily, who was working for the Central Intelligence Agency at the
7 time; and

8 WHEREAS, They weren't able to marry until years later, after
9 Cecily was transferred to Italy and Colonel Cass returned to the United
10 States to work for the Pentagon, where he developed the first Hellfire
11 air-to-surface missile, which is still the primary missile system used by
12 United States military helicopters today; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1986, Colonel Cass retired from the armed
14 services so that he and Cecily could move back to Weld County to tend
15 to the family farm when his father was no longer able to; and

16 WHEREAS, Stan Cass, all while continuing to preserve the land
17 his family had cultivated for decades, began serving his fellow veterans
18 first by offering his own money to the Weld County Veterans Memorial
19 when it appeared that it wouldn't be completed, and then by helping to
20 form the Honor Flight Northern Colorado program in 2008; and

21 WHEREAS, Honor Flight Northern Colorado, a nonprofit
22 volunteer organization, flies veterans of World War II, terminally ill
23 veterans, Purple Heart recipients, and veterans of the Korean and Vietnam
24 Wars from all over the United States to Washington, D.C. so they can
25 visit the World War II Memorial there; and

26 WHEREAS, Through his passion to serve his fellow veterans, Stan
27 Cass helped over 1,500 veterans make the pilgrimage to the World War
28 II Memorial through the Honor Flight Northern Colorado program, which
29 continues to this day; and

30 WHEREAS, Stan Cass will always be remembered for his quick
31 smile, his commanding presence, his military precision, and his generous
32 spirit that he devoted to his family, his country, and his fellow veterans;
33 now, therefore,

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

3 (1) That the portion of Colorado State Highway 14 in Weld
4 County from Mile Marker 153 to Mile Marker 154 be designated as the
5 "Colonel Stan Cass Memorial Highway".

6 (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept
7 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purpose of the initial
8 placement of signs to mark Colorado State Highway 14 in Weld County
9 from Mile Marker 153 to Mile Marker 154 as the "Colonel Stan Cass
10 Memorial Highway".

11 (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore
12 a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for
13 Weld County for the maintenance of the signs marking the "Colonel Stan
14 Cass Memorial Highway".

15 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent
16 to the family of Stan Cass, Ault Mayor Rob Piotrowski and the Ault
17 Board of Trustees, the Weld County Board of County Commissioners,
18 and the West Greeley Conservation District.