



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18-010

BY SENATOR(S) Crowder and Coram, Baumgardner, Cooke, Court, Donovan, Fenberg, Fields, Garcia, Gardner, Guzman, Hill, Holbert, Jahn, Jones, Kagan, Kefalas, Kerr, Lambert, Lundberg, Marble, Martinez Humenik, Merrifield, Moreno, Neville T., Priola, Scott, Smallwood, Sonnenberg, Tate, Todd, Williams A., Zenzinger, Grantham;  
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) McLachlan, Becker J., Becker K., Benavidez, Bridges, Buckner, Catlin, Coleman, Covarrubias, Danielson, Esgar, Foote, Gray, Herod, Kraft-Tharp, Landgraf, Leonard, Lundeen, Reyher, Roberts, Thurlow, Winter, Young, Duran.

CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF COLORADO STATE HIGHWAY 84 BETWEEN PAGOSA SPRINGS AND THE COLORADO STATE LINE AS THE "NOLAN OLSON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".

WHEREAS, Nolan E. Olson was born June 18, 1953, in Salina, Kansas; and

WHEREAS, Nolan came from a large family of nine children and, at the age of sixteen, left home and moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Nolan became homeless and was living on the banks of the Rio Grande, but despite his situation he enrolled himself in high school, found a job, and began his new life; and

WHEREAS, Nolan went to school during the day and worked nights and weekends, saving up enough money to eventually rent a room, and graduated two years later with his high school diploma; and

WHEREAS, Nolan was a "jack-of-all-trades" and could do anything and do it well: He worked as a mechanic on hydraulics, as a salesman for

a large lumber company, and refurbished old cars in his spare time to resell them; and

WHEREAS, Nolan moved to Pagosa Springs, Colorado, in 1998 and put his handyman skills to use working at a local hardware store, and then was hired by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Nolan loved serving the public by plowing snow, providing avalanche control, and keeping the public safe on what he considered his roads; and

WHEREAS, Nolan also loved the beauty and wildlife that Colorado has to offer, and he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and most of all time with his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, On February 2, 2018, fourteen years after beginning his career with CDOT, Nolan was struck by a motorist while maintaining one of his roads outside of Pagosa Springs and died from his injuries on February 11; and

WHEREAS, Nolan Olson was a hardworking, dedicated public servant who will be missed by his family and by his extended CDOT family; now, therefore,

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

(1) That Colorado State Highway 84, between Pagosa Springs and the Colorado state line, be renamed the "Nolan Olson Memorial Highway".

(2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept and expend grants, gifts, and donations for the purpose of the initial placement of the two signs to mark Colorado State Highway 84 as the "Nolan Olson Memorial Highway".

*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Nolan Olson's wife Sandra Hamilton, family members Tonya Hamilton

and Aaron Hamilton, CDOT Executive Director Michael Lewis, and CDOT Region 5 Transportation Director Mike McVaugh.

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PRESIDENT OF  
THE SENATE

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