



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21-019

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CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 138 AS THE "JACK ANNAN "MR. NJC" MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".

WHEREAS, John "Jack" L. Annan, affectionately known to many as "Mr. NJC", was born on May 17, 1933, in La Salle, Colorado, to John and Zua Annan; and

WHEREAS, Jack Annan was a highly educated man, having attended La Salle School through the ninth grade, graduating from College High School in Greeley in 1951, graduating from Colorado A&M College in 1955 with a degree in Vocational Agriculture, and earning his Master's Degree in Education in 1966; and

WHEREAS, Jack Annan met his wife Florence (Hoff) Annan in high school and she would become his wife on September 19, 1954. The inseparable couple would be together for 66 years; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Colorado A&M, Jack Annan received an ROTC commission in the United States Army and went on to serve six months on active duty at Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Aberdeen, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, After earning his Master's Degree, Jack and Florence Annan moved to Sterling, Colorado, where Jack began teaching in the Northeastern Junior College (NJC) Agriculture Department, where he was instrumental in organizing the Aggies Club in 1968; and

WHEREAS, Jack Annan was loyal to the Northeastern Junior College, taking on the roles of Vocational Counselor in the admissions office in 1970 and part-time Executive Director of the NJC Alumni Association in 1996, and since 2000, he worked with a committee to organize the NJC Alumni Heritage Center, continuing to be a pillar of his community all the while; and

WHEREAS, Jack Annan was also instrumental in organizing the Colorado Young Farmers Educational Association where he served as Executive Secretary from its creation until 2015; and

WHEREAS, Jack Annan was a member of the Sterling Lions Club, a life-long member of the Sterling Elks Lodge, a member of the Sterling Masonic Lodge as a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of the Sterling First Presbyterian Church where he served as an Elder; and

WHEREAS, Jack Annan received a number of recognitions and awards, including Outstanding Lion of the Year, Logan County Citizen of the Year, and Merit Award for Outstanding Service to Vocational Education; and

WHEREAS, A bronze statue of Jack Annan was erected on the Northeastern Junior College campus in 2004 recognizing him as "Mr. NJC"; and

WHEREAS, Jack Annan passed away at the age of 87 on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, in Windsor, Colorado, while surrounded by his loving family; and

WHEREAS, Jack L. Annan was a dedicated leader, educator, servant, mentor, father, and grandfather who had a profound influence on the members of his community. Jack was a friend to all and always made an effort to learn about each person and help them achieve their goals. His passion for education and advocacy will continue to inspire many and shall not be forgotten; now, therefore,

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

(1) That the portion of United States Highway 138 from the intersection of United States Highway 138 and North 2nd Street in Sterling, Colorado, to the intersection of United States Highway 138 and Pioneer Road be designated as the "Jack Annan "Mr. NJC" Memorial Highway".

(2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of the initial placement of signs to mark United States Highway 138 from the intersection of United States Highway 138 and North 2nd Street in Sterling, Colorado, to the intersection of United States Highway 138 and Pioneer Road as the "Jack Annan "Mr. NJC" Memorial Highway".

(3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for Logan County for the maintenance of the signs marking the "Jack Annan "Mr. NJC" Memorial Highway".

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Florence Annan, Bill Annan, Sherry Talbott, the Northeastern Junior

College Alumni Association, and Northeastern Junior College President
Jay Lee.

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