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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 18-010**

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

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

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

6                    WHEREAS, Nolan became homeless and was living on the banks  
7      of the Rio Grande, but despite his situation he enrolled himself in high  
8      school, found a job, and began his new life; 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, Nolan went to school during the day and worked  
2 nights and weekends, saving up enough money to eventually rent a room,  
3 and graduated two years later with his high school diploma; and

4           WHEREAS, Nolan was a "jack-of-all-trades" and could do  
5 anything and do it well: He worked as a mechanic on hydraulics, as a  
6 salesman for a large lumber company, and refurbished old cars in his  
7 spare time to resell them; and

8           WHEREAS, Nolan moved to Pagosa Springs, Colorado, in 1998  
9 and put his handyman skills to use working at a local hardware store, and  
10 then was hired by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) in  
11 2004; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1            *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
2 to Nolan Olson's wife Sandra Hamilton, family members Tonya Hamilton  
3 and Aaron Hamilton, CDOT Executive Director Michael Lewis, and  
4 CDOT Region 5 Transportation Director Mike McVaugh.