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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".**

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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.  
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

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.