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DATE: July 1, 2013
TO: Transportation Commissioners
FROM: Kurtis Morrison, Office of Policy & Government Relations
RE: Highway and Bridge Naming Resolutions

Commission Action Requested

During the 2013 legislative session, the General Assembly approved four resolutions memorializing or designating components of the state highway system. Pursuant to Policy Directive 803, the Transportation Commission shall confirm all highway memorial and sign designations. A resolution has been placed on the Commission's agenda to confirm the designations. Upon receiving the Commission's approval, the Department will print and install signage at all appropriate locations.

Background

Policy Directive 803 provides that, once the General Assembly approves a resolution to designate a state highway component in memory of an individual, group, or event, the Transportation Commission confirms the designation by resolution. Once confirmed, the Department may print and install signs as directed in each resolution. This past legislative session, the Colorado General Assembly approved four resolutions establishing highway/bridge designations. Table 1 summarizes each resolution, the designation, and the location of the signage to be installed.

Table 1.
2013 State Highway System Memorial/Designation Resolutions
Approved by the General Assembly

Resolution	Name Designation/ Sign Text	State Highway System Component	Region
HJR 13-1009	Pfc. Paul L. Haining Memorial Bridge	Leopard Creek Bridge (SH 145 at SH 62)	5
HJR 13-1027	Cache la Poudre River, Colorado's only designated "Wild and Scenic River"	SH 14 (E. Mulberry St. to Bellvue)	4
SJR 13-032	POW/MIA Memorial Highway	SH 67 (Divide to Cripple Creek)	2
SJR 13-033	SSG. Christopher J. Birdwell Memorial Highway	SH 34 (MM 96.5 to MM 102)	4

During the legislative session, CDOT staff assisted the legislative sponsors and bill drafters for each of these measures, ensuring that sign locations were feasible and that only private gifts, grants, and donations would be used to cover sign costs.

Copies of each resolution are attached. If you have any questions regarding this memorandum or the resolutions, please contact Kurt Morrison at (303) 757-9703 or kurtis.morrison@state.co.us.



HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 13-1009

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Coram, Buck, Buckner, Conti, Court, DelGrosso, Dore, Duran, Everett, Exum, Fields, Fischer, Foote, Garcia, Gardner, Gerou, Ginal, Hamner, Holbert, Hullinghorst, Humphrey, Joshi, Kagan, Kraft-Tharp, Labuda, Landgraf, Lebsock, Lee, Levy, May, McCann, McLachlan, McNulty, Melton, Mitsch Bush, Murray, Navarro, Nordberg, Pabon, Peniston, Pettersen, Primavera, Priola, Rankin, Rosenthal, Ryden, Saine, Salazar, Schafer, Scott, Singer, Sonnenberg, Stephens, Swalm, Szabo, Tyler, Vigil, Waller, Williams, Wilson, Wright, Young;

also SENATOR(S) Roberts, Aguilar, Balmer, Baumgardner, Brophy, Cadman, Carroll, Crowder, Giron, Grantham, Guzman, Harvey, Heath, Hill, Hodge, Jahn, Johnston, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, King, Lambert, Lundberg, Marble, Newell, Nicholson, Renfroe, Scheffel, Schwartz, Steadman, Tochtrop, Todd, Ulibarri, Morse.

CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF THE LEOPARD CREEK BRIDGE IN PLACERVILLE AS THE "PFC. PAUL L. HAINING MEMORIAL BRIDGE".

WHEREAS, Paul Linn Haining was born on September 12, 1949; and

WHEREAS, Paul Haining attended Telluride High School and graduated in 1967; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Paul Haining, then 20 years old, enlisted in the United States Army and was sent overseas to Vietnam, where he served as Private First Class with the Delta Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment; and

WHEREAS, On July 23, 1970, Pfc. Haining was killed in a landmine explosion in Phuoc Long Province, South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, For his service, Pfc. Haining earned two Bronze Star Medals and an Air Medal; and

WHEREAS, Pfc. Haining is buried in the Placerville Cemetery and his name can be found on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall as casualty number 51,981; and

WHEREAS, The veterans of the American Legion Austin A. Hiatt Post #12, named for San Miguel County resident Austin Hiatt who was killed in World War I, and the veterans of San Miguel County at large consider Pfc. Haining to be a "native son of Placerville"; and

WHEREAS, Pfc. Haining is the only known casualty of the Vietnam War who was a resident of San Miguel County, and it is fitting that he should be honored and remembered in his home county for his service to the nation; now, therefore,

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

(1) That the Leopard Creek bridge in Placerville, Colorado, be renamed the "Pfc. Paul L. Haining Memorial Bridge";

(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 the Leopard Creek bridge as the "Pfc. Paul L. Haining Memorial Bridge" and to erect a memorial plaque, which shall include reference to his highest military award, to be placed in an appropriate location; and

(3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for San Miguel County for the maintenance of the markings and the plaque for the "Pfc. Paul L. Haining Memorial Bridge".

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Pfc. Haining's brothers Glen and Daniel Haining of Redvale, Colorado, and Leonard Haining of Mesquite, Nevada; American Legion Austin A. Hiatt Post #12 Commander Brian Ahern; San Miguel County Sheriff Bill Masters; veteran and sculptor Richard Arnold; Road Supervisor for the Road and Bridge Department of San Miguel County Mike Horner; Veterans Coordinator for San Miguel County Jim Botenhagen; and the San Miguel County Board of County Commissioners.

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 13-1027

**BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Ginal, Fischer, Mitsch Bush, Court, Fields, Hamner, Hullinghorst, Kraft-Tharp, Labuda, Lebsock, Levy, May, Melton, Moreno, Pabon, Primavera, Rosenthal, Salazar, Schafer, Singer, Tyler, Vigil, Young;
also SENATOR(S) Kefalas, Aguilar.**

CONCERNING A REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION POST WILD AND SCENIC RIVER SIGNS ALONG STATE HIGHWAY 14 TO INDICATE THAT THE CACHE LA POUUDRE RIVER IS THE ONLY RIVER IN COLORADO THAT IS WITHIN THE NATIONAL WILD AND SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, The Cache la Poudre River is located east of the continental divide in the northern front range of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, The river's name means "hiding place of powder", and was so named after a legend of French fur trappers caught in a snowstorm who hid their gunpowder near the banks of the river in an attempt to lighten their packs; and

WHEREAS, The Cache la Poudre River corridor has long been an important travel route, and today the river also offers a multitude of recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The Cache la Poudre River is one of fifty-eight rivers designated by federal law as a component of the national wild and scenic rivers system, and is the only such river designated in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, It is appropriate to provide road signs marking the designation of the Cache la Poudre River as part of the national wild and scenic rivers system; now, therefore,

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

(1) That the following locations along State Highway 14 be marked with signs designating the Cache la Poudre River as being part of the national wild and scenic river system:

(a) The intersection of State Highway 14 (Riverside Avenue) and East Mulberry Street in Fort Collins where there is an existing sign for the Poudre River Historic District; and

(b) Just east of the Mishiwaka Amphitheater on State Highway 14 in Bellvue, Colorado.

(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 the designated portions along State Highway 14 as indicating a wild and scenic river.

(3) That the signs marking the designated portions along State Highway 14 should read: Cache la Poudre River, Colorado's only designated "Wild and Scenic River".

(4) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore a cooperative agreement with the Boards of County Commissioners for Larimer County and Jackson County and the Fort Collins City Council for the maintenance of the signs for the wild and scenic river designation along State Highway 14.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the Colorado Department of Transportation, the Boards of County Commissioners for Larimer and Jackson County, and the Fort Collins City Council.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13-032

BY SENATOR(S) Marble, Aguilar, Balmer, Baumgardner, Brophy, Cadman, Carroll, Crowder, Giron, Grantham, Guzman, Harvey, Heath, Hill, Hodge, Hudak, Jahn, Johnston, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, King, Lambert, Lundberg, Newell, Nicholson, Renfroe, Roberts, Scheffel, Schwartz, Steadman, Tochtrop, Todd, Ulibarri, Morse;

also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Buck, Buckner, Conti, Coram, Court, DelGrosso, Dore, Duran, Everett, Exum, Fields, Fischer, Foote, Garcia, Gardner, Gerou, Ginal, Hamner, Holbert, Hullinghorst, Humphrey, Joshi, Kagan, Kraft-Tharp, Labuda, Landgraf, Lawrence, Lebsock, Lee, Levy, May, McCann, McLachlan, McNulty, Melton, Mitsch Bush, Moreno, Murray, Navarro, Nordberg, Pabon, Peniston, Pettersen, Primavera, Priola, Rankin, Rosenthal, Ryden, Saine, Salazar, Schafer, Scott, Singer, Sonnenberg, Stephens, Swalm, Szabo, Tyler, Vigil, Waller, Williams, Wilson, Wright, Young, Ferrandino.

CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF HIGHWAY 34 AS THE STAFF SERGEANT CHRISTOPHER J. BIRDWELL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

WHEREAS, Christopher J. Birdwell was born in Englewood, Colorado, on June 2, 1987; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Birdwell grew up in the south metro Denver area and lived in Englewood and Highlands Ranch for a number of years before his family moved to Windsor, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, In 2005, Staff Sergeant Birdwell graduated from Windsor High School and considered joining the United States Marine Corps with a friend before deciding to enter the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, In March 2006, Staff Sergeant Birdwell was sent off to boot camp at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and shortly thereafter, in August 2006, he was sent on his first deployment to Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, After his first deployment, Staff Sergeant Birdwell returned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and in 2007 completed Airborne Training at Fort Benning, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, In August 2008, Staff Sergeant Birdwell reenlisted and changed his duty station to Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colorado, though he knew it would mean a second deployment to Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Birdwell was promoted to Sergeant in January 2009 and in June of that year deployed to Afghanistan as physical security detail for the Command Sergeant Major; and

WHEREAS, After his second deployment, Staff Sergeant Birdwell reenlisted for a third time and was able to complete the Sniper Training Course, which according to his mother was "the one course he wanted to master." In addition, Staff Sergeant Birdwell received the Army Expert Marksman Badge, the highest marksman medal a soldier can achieve; and

WHEREAS, On March 4, 2012, Staff Sergeant Birdwell was deployed for a third time to Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, This deployment was unlike others Staff Sergeant Birdwell had experienced, and during a mission in April, he was in an area where two IEDs exploded within only a few hours of each other, with the second explosion damaging their vehicle and injuring the soldiers. When he and others arrived back at base, they discovered their b-hut had been burned to the ground by a suicide bomber, losing all their personal and military affects; and

WHEREAS, Following the attack, Staff Sergeant Birdwell took the opportunity to complete on-line coursework, earning points while in a promotable status; and

WHEREAS, On the morning of August 27, 2012, Staff Sergeant Birdwell and his company were out on a four-day mission in Kalagush when their convoy was stopped due to an IED explosion ahead that damaged the platoon leader's vehicle; and

WHEREAS, As a result, Staff Sergeant Birdwell and others had "boots on the ground" to secure the perimeter, which is when they are

most vulnerable to attack; and

WHEREAS, Though traffic was stopped in both directions while the soldiers searched the perimeter, an Afghan convoy was allowed through to help with security, and the convoy pulled up to where the damaged vehicle was stopped; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Birdwell spoke with the Clip Commander of the convoy, describing the help needed with the damaged vehicle, and as Staff Sergeant Birdwell stepped away from the commander to return to the damaged vehicle and secure two soldiers, a gunman in the convoy opened fire on the soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Birdwell, aged 25, and Army Specialist Mabry Anders from Baker's City, Oregon, aged 21, were the two men killed in the "green-on-blue" attack, which is the term used to describe insider attacks; and

WHEREAS, According to soldiers serving with Staff Sergeant Birdwell, another young soldier was injured in the blast, sustaining a shrapnel injury to his leg while in the back of the damaged vehicle, and would likely have been injured more severely, if not killed, had Staff Sergeant Birdwell not closed the back door and secured the young soldier inside the vehicle; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Birdwell was promoted posthumously to Staff Sergeant and received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Birdwell was known for his sense of humor and his ability to brighten anyone's day by making people laugh or smile; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Birdwell was a strong leader, an outgoing person, and a believer in servant leadership, and it is fitting that he be recognized for his service and sacrifice to our nation; now, therefore,

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

(1) That the portion of Highway 34 between westbound mile marker

102 and eastbound mile marker 96.5, near Windsor, Colorado, be renamed the "SSG. Christopher J. Birdwell 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 Highway 34 as the "SSG. Christopher J. Birdwell Memorial Highway"; and

(3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for Larimer and Weld Counties for the maintenance of the markings for the "SSG. Christopher J. Birdwell Memorial Highway".

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Staff Sergeant Birdwell's parents, Pam and Jim Birdwell, the town of Windsor, and the mayor of Windsor, John Vasquez.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 13-033

BY SENATOR(S) Grantham, Aguilar, Balmer, Baumgardner, Brophy, Cadman, Carroll, Crowder, Giron, Guzman, Harvey, Heath, Hill, Hodge, Hudak, Jahn, Johnston, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, King, Lambert, Lundberg, Marble, Newell, Nicholson, Renfroe, Roberts, Scheffel, Schwartz, Steadman, Tochtrop, Todd, Ulibarri, Morse;

also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Lawrence, Buck, Buckner, Conti, Coram, Court, DelGrosso, Dore, Duran, Everett, Exum, Fields, Fischer, Foote, Garcia, Gardner, Gerou, Ginal, Hamner, Holbert, Hullinghorst, Humphrey, Joshi, Kagan, Kraft-Tharp, Labuda, Landgraf, Lebsock, Lee, Levy, May, McCann, McLachlan, McNulty, Melton, Mitsch Bush, Moreno, Murray, Navarro, Nordberg, Pabon, Peniston, Pettersen, Primavera, Priola, Rankin, Rosenthal, Ryden, Saine, Salazar, Schafer, Scott, Singer, Sonnenberg, Stephens, Swalm, Szabo, Tyler, Vigil, Waller, Williams, Wilson, Wright, Young, Ferrandino.

CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF COLORADO HIGHWAY 67 BETWEEN DIVIDE AND CRIPPLE CREEK AS THE "POW/MIA MEMORIAL HIGHWAY".

WHEREAS, The Defense Prisoner of War Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) verifies that there are a total of 83,381 individuals unaccounted for as of April 9, 2013, who became missing while serving our nation; and

WHEREAS, The DPMO verifies that there are:

- ! 3 Colorado residents listed as unaccounted for during the Cold War;
- ! 24 Colorado residents listed as unaccounted for during the Vietnam War;
- ! 67 Colorado residents listed as unaccounted for during the Korean War;
- ! Out of the approximate 73,000 missing World War II veterans, an unknown number of Colorado residents; and

WHEREAS, The POW/MIA Recognition Ride, an annual motorcycle ride put on by the Salute to American Veterans Rally Committee, was started in 1987 by a few veterans to raise awareness of fellow veterans whose whereabouts are still unknown; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 25 years, the ride has grown to include over 5,000 motorcyclists that participate in the ride; and

WHEREAS, Up to 40,000 other people and motorcyclists participate in this rally as vendors, guests, and volunteers supporting the event; and

WHEREAS, The ride begins in Woodland Park at Woodland Park High School and ends in Cripple Creek, and the annual event has contributed to the local economies of Woodland Park, Divide, and Cripple Creek; and

WHEREAS, The Cripple Creek City Council resolved to support the designation of the 18.7 miles of Colorado Highway 67 between Divide and Cripple Creek for the POW/MIA Memorial Highway; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners for Teller County resolved to support the designation of the 18.7 miles of Colorado Highway 67 between Divide and Cripple Creek for the POW/MIA Memorial Highway; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion Department of Colorado resolved to support the designation of the 18.7 miles of Colorado Highway 67 between Divide and Cripple Creek for the POW/MIA Memorial Highway; and

WHEREAS, The Woodland Park American Legion Eric V. Dickson Post 1980, the Cripple Creek/Victor American Legion Post 171, the Woodland Park VFW Thomas E. Kelly Post 6051, and the Lake George VFW Flo-Geo Post 11411 resolved to support the designation of the 18.7 miles of Colorado Highway 67 between Divide and Cripple Creek for the POW/MIA Memorial Highway; now, therefore,

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

(1) That the 18.7-mile portion of Colorado Highway 67 between Divide and Cripple Creek be designated as the "POW/MIA 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 Colorado Highway 67 as the "POW/MIA Memorial Highway"; and

(3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for Teller County for the maintenance of the markings for the POW/MIA Memorial Highway.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to the Board of County Commissioners for Teller County, the Cripple Creek City Council, Department of Colorado American Legion Commander Jim Gates, the Woodland Park American Legion Eric V. Dickson Post 1980, the Cripple Creek/Victor American Legion Post 171, the Woodland Park VFW Thomas E. Kelly Post 6051, the Lake George VFW Flo-Geo Post 11411, and the United Veterans Committee of Colorado.

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APPROVED _____

John W. Hickenlooper
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Resolution Number TC-

Confirming state highway component memorializing and designation resolutions enacted by the General Assembly during the 2013 legislative session

Approved by the Transportation Commission on:

WHEREAS, the Transportation Commission adopted Policy Directive 803 to establish a consistent statewide process regarding designation or memorializing of a highway, bridge, or any other highway component; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado General Assembly has the authority, by Act or Resolution, to approve designations or memorialize highways, bridges, or other components of the state highway system; and, the Transportation Commission has the authority to confirm such requests from the Colorado General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 during the First Regular Session, the State of Colorado's Sixty-ninth General Assembly adopted the following resolutions:

- House Joint Resolution 13-1009, designating the Leopard Creek Bridge in Placerville in San Miguel County with signs stating "Pfc. Paul L. Haining Memorial Bridge";
- House Joint Resolution 13-1027, designating State Highway 14 from East Mulberry Street in Fort Collins to Bellevue, with signs stating "Cache la Poudre River, Colorado's only designated "Wild and Scenic River";
- Senate Joint Resolution 13-032, designating State Highway 34 from mile marker 96.5 to mile marker 102 with signs stating "SSG. Christopher J. Birdwell Memorial Highway";
- Senate Joint Resolution 13-033, designating State Highway 67 from Divide to Cripple Creek with signs stating "POW/MIA Memorial Highway"; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Transportation Commission hereby confirms HJR 13-1009, HJR 13-1027, SJR 13-032, and SJR 13-033.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CDOT shall print and install signs to mark the stated locations provided in each resolution.

Herman Stockinger, Secretary
Transportation Commission of Colorado