



SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 09-055

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CONCERNING THE RECOGNITION OF COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION EMPLOYEES, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, DECLARING THE MONTH OF JULY TO BE "COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REMEMBRANCE MONTH".

WHEREAS, Colorado's state highway system, including its interstate highways, state roads, and bridges, are vital links in our state and national transportation system and are essential to our economy; and

WHEREAS, The employees of the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) are an indispensable part of the planning, construction, maintenance, and repair of Colorado's 23,000 lane miles of state highway; and

WHEREAS, These employees work hard every day to keep our roads clear of ice, snow, and litter in addition to repairing damaged pavement and

working to build safer highways and bridges; and

WHEREAS, CDOT employees, in the course of their regular job responsibilities, are required to perform functions that include workplace risks and hazards; and

WHEREAS, Work zones are needed to maintain and repair Colorado's roads to ensure they are in top condition and to protect the mobility of Coloradans; and

WHEREAS, CDOT employees are committed to making our highways and work zones as safe as possible; and

WHEREAS, Across the nation, a work zone fatality occurs every 7 hours, and a work zone injury occurs every 15 minutes; and

WHEREAS, Since 1929, CDOT and its predecessor, the Colorado Department of Highways (CDOH), have had 58 employees die in the line of duty while serving the citizens of Colorado and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, The week of April 6 through 10, 2009, has been designated National Work Zone Awareness Week by the American Traffic Safety Services Association (ATSSA); and

WHEREAS, In 2002, the ATSSA created their National Work Zone Memorial, a living tribute to those who have lost their lives in work zone fatalities; and

WHEREAS, On May 18, 2006, a memorial was dedicated at CDOT headquarters in Denver to honor and remember those employees who have lost their lives in the line of duty; now, therefore,

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

1. That we declare the month of July to be "Colorado Department of Transportation Remembrance Month" in honor of those employees who have died in the line of duty;

2. That we call upon Coloradans to recognize the hard work of all

CDOT employees and to remember those CDOH and CDOT employees who have given their lives in service to the state of Colorado; and

3. That we ask all of Colorado's motorists to understand the dangers that CDOT employees face on the job, to drive responsibly in work zone areas, and to give our highway workers a "brake".

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent to Russell George, Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Transportation.

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