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**Senate Committees**  
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**House Committees**

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**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 14-016**

101     **CONCERNING THE RENAMING OF THE TUNNELS LOCATED WITHIN**  
102             **CLEAR CREEK COUNTY AND COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE**  
103             **TWIN TUNNELS AS THE "VETERANS MEMORIAL TUNNELS".**

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1             WHEREAS, Colorado has a proud and distinguished history of  
2 dedicated military service by men and women of this state whose courage,  
3 heroism, and sacrifice preserve the liberties and democratic way of life set  
4 forth in our state and federal constitutions; and

5             WHEREAS, Colorado benefits significantly from the presence and  
6 military service of the more than 60,000 men and women in our state who  
7 serve in the United States Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, and  
8 Coast Guard; the branch Reserves; the Colorado National Guard; and the  
9 Civil Air Patrol; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

HOUSE  
Final Reading  
March 21, 2014

SENATE  
Final Reading  
March 14, 2014

1           WHEREAS, In addition to active members of the Armed Services,  
2 Colorado is the proud home of more than 426,000 military veterans who  
3 have served their country long and well and who bring great honor and  
4 distinction to the state; and

5           WHEREAS, Colorado is home not only to active duty service  
6 personnel and veterans but also to the countless family members of these  
7 men and women who display the same dedication, courage, and sacrifice;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, Clear Creek County, one of the original territorial  
10 counties in Colorado, has a long history of involvement with active duty  
11 service personnel and veterans; and

12           WHEREAS, The roads and highways that run through Clear Creek  
13 County have seen the footsteps of militia soldiers going to serve in the  
14 Civil War and the vehicles of soldiers going to serve in World War I and  
15 World War II; and

16           WHEREAS, The Clear Creek County roads have seen the return  
17 of these soldiers, who would build the state's mining industry in the 19th  
18 century and the ski industry in the 20th century due to the skill and  
19 knowledge of the 10th Mountain Division troops; and

20           WHEREAS, The portion of Interstate 70 that runs through Clear  
21 Creek County, and that includes the tunnels commonly known as the  
22 Twin Tunnels, was part of the original Victory Highway established in  
23 1921 in honor of the American forces who lost their lives in World War  
24 I; and

25           WHEREAS, This section of Interstate 70 was also designated as  
26 a Blue Star Highway in the 1940s in honor of those who served during  
27 World War II; and

28           WHEREAS, Colorado should also never forget the sacrifices made  
29 by its 94 men declared missing in action or prisoners of war while  
30 defending the principles of liberty and justice during the Cold War and  
31 the conflicts in Korea, Laos, and Vietnam; and

32           WHEREAS, Between 1950 and 2006, 641 Coloradans were killed  
33 in action and 101 Coloradans were wounded in action, and the state

1 should never forget the sacrifices of those 742 soldiers; and

2 WHEREAS, In times of conflict around the globe, it is particularly  
3 appropriate to recognize the Coloradans in all branches and components  
4 of the Armed Services who serve around the world to protect the security  
5 and peace of our nation and other nations; now, therefore,

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

8 (1) That the tunnels located within Clear Creek County, on  
9 Interstate 70, commonly referred to as the Twin Tunnels, be designated  
10 at the east and west entrances as the "Veterans Memorial Tunnels";

11 (2) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may accept  
12 and expend gifts, grants, and donations for the purposes of the initial  
13 placement of signs to mark the Twin Tunnels as the "Veterans Memorial  
14 Tunnels";

15 (3) That the Colorado Department of Transportation may explore  
16 a cooperative agreement with the Board of County Commissioners for  
17 Clear Creek County for the maintenance of the markings for the  
18 "Veterans Memorial Tunnels"; and

19 (4) That such signage be installed and erected at the conclusion of  
20 the planned construction and widening of the so-named "Veterans  
21 Memorial Tunnels".

22 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Joint Resolution be sent  
23 to President Barack Obama; Governor John Hickenlooper; Colorado  
24 Department of Transportation Executive Director Don Hunt; United  
25 States Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx; Lieutenant General  
26 Michelle Johnson, Superintendent, United States Air Force Academy;  
27 Major General H. Michael Edwards, Adjutant General of Colorado;  
28 Major General Paul LeCamera, Commanding General, 4th Infantry  
29 Division at Fort Carson; Colonel Daniel Wright III, Commander of the  
30 460th Space Wing, Buckley Air Force Base; Colonel William Liquori Jr.,  
31 Commander, 50th Space Wing, Schriever Air Force Base; Colonel John  
32 Shaw, Commander, 21st Space Wing, Peterson Air Force Base; the  
33 Colorado Board of Veterans Affairs; the United Veterans Committee of  
34 Colorado; Mountain States Chapter Paralyzed Veterans of America; the  
35 American Legion Department of Colorado; Department of Colorado

1 Veterans of Foreign Wars; Clear Creek County Veterans Coalition; the  
2 Clear Creek County Commissioners; the Idaho Springs City Council  
3 Members; the Mayor of Idaho Springs, Mike Hillman; and each member  
4 of Colorado's congressional delegation.