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