



SENATE MEMORIAL 03-001

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MEMORIALIZING FORMER SENATOR DAN D. NOBLE

WHEREAS, By the Will of Divine Providence, our beloved former member, the Honorable Dan D. Noble, departed this life November 9, 2002, at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, Senator Noble was born March 28, 1929, in Wahoo, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, Senator Noble served in the United States Army in the motor battalion in the Korean War from 1950 to 1952; and

WHEREAS, Senator Noble and his late wife, Donna Noble, moved to Colorado so he could join his father-in-law, the late Frank Bottum, in opening the San Miguel Basin State Bank in Norwood, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Senator Noble attended the University of Colorado School of Banking from 1960 to 1962; and

WHEREAS, Senator Noble served for 44 years as an officer of the San Miguel Basin State Bank, including service as president and director of the bank; and

WHEREAS, In 1969, Senator Noble was appointed to the Colorado Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Senator Wilson Rockwell; and

WHEREAS, Senator Noble was subsequently elected to the Senate in his own name in 1970 and was reelected to an additional 3 terms, serving as a member of the Colorado Senate a total of 17 years from 1969 through 1986; and

WHEREAS, Senator Noble represented Senate districts 6, 32, and 34, covering all or

portions of Archuleta, Delores, Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montezuma, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel Counties; and

WHEREAS, While a member of the Colorado General Assembly, Senator Noble served on and chaired a number of standing and interim committees, and his committee positions included serving as chair of the Senate State Affairs Committee from 1973-76, chair of the Senate Local Government Committee from 1977-78, chair of the Legislative Audit Committee in 1984, chair of the Interim Committee on Federal and State Lands in 1975, and chair of the Interim Committee on Mined Land in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Senator Noble served as Senate Assistant Majority Leader from 1977-78 and as Senate Majority Leader from 1979-80 and from 1982-86, and, while serving as Senate Majority Leader, was well respected for minimizing conflict, maintaining good relations between the parties, and for his moderate, quiet but firm, behind-the-scenes leadership style; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his long and distinguished legislative career, Senator Noble sponsored legislation that was enacted affecting numerous areas of state policy and government, including agriculture, environmental protection, education, mental health, public employees, taxes, transportation, and water; and

WHEREAS, Senator Noble's arguably best-known legislative accomplishment was the passage of Senate Bill 79-536, the so-called "Noble Bill", which directed a portion of the revenues from the state sales and use tax on new or used motor vehicles, including motor homes, motor vehicle batteries, tires, parts, or accessories, be used for state, county, and municipal highway construction; and

WHEREAS, The Noble Bill represented an early example by the General Assembly of earmarking revenue from a particular funding source for specified uses; and

WHEREAS, Senator Noble was an influential supporter of quality higher education in general and of Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado, in particular, and assisted in obtaining funding from the General Assembly to enable Fort Lewis College to construct a classroom and office building, in return for which assistance the college gave Senator Noble its Distinguished Service Award in 1984 and dedicated and named a lecture hall, Noble Hall, in his honor in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Senator Noble enjoyed a reputation among members on both sides of the aisle for his fairness, knowledge, and even-handedness; and

WHEREAS, Senator Noble was a member of the Masons, Elks, and Lions Clubs, was a

director of the San Miguel Water District, county chairman of the Red Cross, and served on the Advisory Council of the Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre National Forest; and

WHEREAS, Senator Noble was also well known and regarded for his devotion to his family, as illustrated by his practice of scheduling Friday sessions of the Senate in a manner that would allow him to catch an airplane home to watch his childrens' sports events; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we, the members of the Senate of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly, pay tribute to the dedicated service of Senator Noble and express our deep regret and sorrow occasioned by his death; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

That, in the death of Dan D. Noble, the people of the state of Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and outstanding citizen, and that we, the members of the Senate of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly, do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and pay tribute to a man who served his state well and faithfully.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be sent to Senator Noble's children, Doug Noble of Grand Junction, Colorado, Danette Christensen of Parachute, Colorado, Darin Noble of Parachute, Colorado, Dru Nemecek of Englewood, Colorado, and Darcy Crotteau of Battle Mountain, Nevada, Senator Noble's sister, Evelyn Bailey, of Lincoln, Nebraska, and Senator Noble's brother, Darrold Noble, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

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