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101 **MEMORIALIZING FORMER CONGRESSMAN MIKE STRANG.**

1 WHEREAS, Colorado's respected former Congressman Mike
2 Strang departed this life on January 12, 2014; and

3 WHEREAS, Congressman Strang was born in Bucks County,
4 Pennsylvania, on June 17, 1929, spent most of his childhood in Colorado,
5 served in the United States Army, completed his education at Princeton
6 University, and worked as an investment banker in New York before
7 returning to Colorado; and

8 WHEREAS, Congressman Strang and his wife, Kit, made their
9 home in the Missouri Heights area near Carbondale, where they
10 established a ranch and raised four children; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1970, Congressman Strang was elected to the
12 Colorado House of Representatives, where he served for four years
13 representing the people of Eagle, Garfield, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, and Lake
14 counties; and

15 WHEREAS, As a member of the Colorado House of

1 Representatives, Congressman Strang served on several committees,
2 including Business Affairs; Game, Fish, and Parks; Labor and
3 Employment Relations; Rules; and State Affairs; and

4 WHEREAS, During his service in the Colorado legislature,
5 Congressman Strang proved to be far ahead of his time by introducing a
6 bill to legalize marijuana, a proposition that would come to fruition
7 approximately 40 years later; and

8 WHEREAS, Congressman Strang's service and civic engagement
9 continued when he was elected in 1984 to the U.S. Congress, where he
10 served in the House of Representatives for two years, representing the
11 sprawling Western Slope district; and

12 WHEREAS, Following his time in Washington, Congressman
13 Strang returned home to the Carbondale area, where he spent time on
14 horse and cattle ranching and consulting on natural resources issues; and

15 WHEREAS, After 84 years, Congressman Strang passed away
16 from "too many summers", the old cowboy adage he was fond of quoting;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Friends and family remember Congressman Strang
19 as good-natured, witty, intelligent, and genuinely interested in helping
20 people; and

21 WHEREAS, It is fitting that we, the members of the House of
22 Representatives of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly, pay tribute to the
23 dedicated service of Congressman Mike Strang and express our deep
24 regret and sorrow occasioned by his death; now, therefore,

25 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth*
26 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

27 That, in the death of Congressman Mike Strang, the people of the
28 state of Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and outstanding
29 citizen, and that we, the members of the House of Representatives of the
30 Sixty-ninth General Assembly, do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt
31 sympathy to the members of his family and pay tribute to someone who
32 served his state well and faithfully.

33 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Memorial be sent to

1 Congressman Strang's wife, Kit Strang; his daughter, Bridget Strang, of
2 Carbondale; his daughter, Laurie Strang Cunningham, of Coachella,
3 California; and his son, Scott Strang, of Monroe, Virginia.