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HOUSE MEMORIAL 14-1004

101 **MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE THEODORE EAKER.**

1 WHEREAS, Our respected former colleague Theodore "Ted"
2 Eaker, a former member of the Colorado House of Representatives,
3 departed this life on September 17, 2013, at the age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Eaker was born on August 13, 1922,
5 in Denver, Colorado, to August and Frieda Eaker; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Eaker grew up in north Denver and
7 attended Emmaus Lutheran School and Skinner Junior High, and
8 graduated from North Denver High School in 1940; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1942, Representative Eaker received an Associate
10 Degree in business from the University of Denver and, that same year,
11 joined the Army Air Corps, with which he served three years in the
12 Phillipines, New Guinea, and Japan, and was awarded 12 combat medals
13 and two presidential citations; and

14 WHEREAS, Upon returning home, Representative Eaker met and
15 married Betty Seiler, and they had five children: Phyllis, Peggy, Ken, Roy,

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1 and Tom; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Eaker later married Juanita Young and
3 became stepfather to her son, Robert; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Eaker served as president of the
5 family-owned retail dry goods and clothing stores "Eaker's" which, under
6 his leadership, grew to 26 stores located throughout Colorado; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Eaker was active in his community,
8 serving on the Board of Directors for Lutheran Tuberculosis Sanitarium
9 as part of a team that converted it into a much-needed hospital to serve
10 Jefferson County, now known as Exempla Lutheran in Wheat Ridge,
11 Colorado, and also served as a member of the Colorado Retail Council;
12 Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry; Colorado Shippers
13 Cooperative; Mountain States Employers Council; Industries for Jefferson
14 County; "Spirit of '76", to bolster support for hosting the Olympics in
15 Colorado; Lakewood Chamber of Commerce; Community College West
16 Campus; Kiwanis; Lion's Club; the Board of Directors for North Denver
17 Bank and Central Bank of North Denver; and on financial and stewardship
18 church committees; and

19 WHEREAS, In 1969, Representative Eaker helped to bring about
20 a successful incorporation effort to establish the City of Lakewood and
21 was then elected to serve on the Lakewood City Council for two terms;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, In 1973, Representative Eaker was elected to the
24 Colorado House of Representatives to represent House District 23; and

25 WHEREAS, Representative Eaker served on the Business Affairs,
26 Finance, and Transportation and Highways committees; and

27 WHEREAS, Representative Eaker was passionate about education
28 and sponsored legislation to increase funding for community education
29 programs and increase monthly payments to the state teachers' emeritus
30 retirement fund, all of which proposals eventually became law; and

31 WHEREAS, Representative Eaker's tenure in the General
32 Assembly, as well as his life as a whole, was distinguished by honesty and
33 enthusiasm in all he did; and

1 WHEREAS, Representative Eaker brought people and businesses
2 together, made communities greater places to live, and used integrity and
3 wisdom in making decisions; now, therefore,

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

6 That, in the death of Representative Theodore Eaker, the people of
7 the state of Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and outstanding
8 citizen, and that we, the members of the House of Representatives, do
9 hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his
10 family and pay tribute to a man who served his state well and faithfully.

11 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Memorial be sent to
12 Representative Eaker's children and their families: Daughter Phyllis Kossa
13 and her husband, Stephen, of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, and their
14 children, Christine and Cara; son Kenneth Eaker and his wife, Debra, of
15 Granby, Colorado, and their children, Scott, Kaitlin, and Tami; son Roy
16 Eaker of Highlands Ranch, Colorado, and his children, Emma, Zachary,
17 and Theodore; son Thomas Eaker and his wife, Sue, of Arvada, Colorado,
18 and their children, Laura and Daniel; son Robert Young and his wife,
19 Betty, of Jamestown, Colorado, and their children, Sarah, Aaron, and
20 Andrew; and grandchildren Melissa, Priscilla, and Casey Huston, of
21 Thornton, Colorado.