



### **HOUSE MEMORIAL 05-1003**

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### **MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE DOROTHY HENDEE.**

WHEREAS, By the Will of Divine Providence, our beloved former member, Dorothy Hendee, departed this life on January 31, 2003, at the age of 97; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hendee was born Irene Dorothy Stoeber on January 17, 1906, in Savannah, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hendee moved to Denver in 1920 and graduated from East High School, and she later attended Western State College in Gunnison; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hendee developed an early interest in politics and grew up listening to adults discuss the issues of the day; and

WHEREAS, When Representative Hendee was fourteen years old, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, giving women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hendee was an actress, businesswoman, writer, model, and librarian; and

WHEREAS, In 1942, the Colorado Republican Committee urged Representative Hendee to run for the state legislature, and during the 1943-1944 session, she was the only woman to serve in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the House of Representatives, Representative Hendee served on several committees, including the Banking Committee, the Industrial Relations Committee, the Medical Affairs and Public Health Committee, the Municipal Affairs Committee, the Permanent Patronage Committee, and the State Institutions Committee; and

WHEREAS, After her husband passed away in 1945, Representative Hendee moved to Arizona, and later booked passage on a freighter to Germany where she worked as a librarian with the Army Special Services; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we, the members of the House of Representatives, pay tribute to the dedicated service of Representative Hendee and express our deep regret and sorrow occasioned by her death; now, therefore,

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

That, in the death of Dorothy Hendee, the people of the state of Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and outstanding citizen, and that we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of her family and pay tribute to a woman who served her state well and faithfully.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Memorial be sent to Representative Hendee's daughter, Letitia Gray, of Denver, and son, Keith, of Pompano Beach, Florida.

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Marilyn Eddins  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Andrew Romanoff  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES