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HOUSE MEMORIAL 05-1002

101 **CONCERNING MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE JOHN E.**
102 **JOHNSON.**

1 WHEREAS, By the Will of Divine Providence, our beloved
2 former member, John E. Johnson, departed this life on November 28,
3 2004, at the age of 93; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Johnson was born in Sopris,
5 Colorado, on November 5, 1911, and, when he was 5 years old, moved
6 to nearby Cokedale, where he lived for the rest of his life; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Johnson attended Cokedale
8 Elementary School and graduated from Trinidad High School; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative Johnson worked as a coal miner from
10 1930 until 1945, while also serving as secretary-treasurer for the local
11 organization of the United Mine Workers of America; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Johnson was elected to 3 terms as
13 State Representative from Las Animas county between 1945 and 1950,
14 which was before the numbering of legislative districts; and

15 WHEREAS, During his tenure in the House of Representatives,
16 Representative Johnson chaired the Temperance Committee and was also
17 a member of the following committees: Federal Relations, Forest
18 Reserves, Mines and Mining, Counties and County Lines, Enrollment,
19 Finance, Ways and Means, Labor, Revision and Engrossment, Permanent

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Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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HOUSE
Final Reading
April 20, 2005

1 Patronage, and Public Buildings; and

2 WHEREAS, From 1950 to 1976, Representative Johnson worked
3 for the Colorado Department of Revenue; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Johnson was the president of school
5 district 18 for a number of years and a member of the board of directors
6 of Trinidad State Junior College from 1957 to 1975; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Johnson was mayor of Cokedale from
8 1976 to 1998, during which time the town was placed on the National
9 Historic Register; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Johnson and his wife, Mary, were
11 married for 73 years, and had 3 children, 10 grandchildren, and 8
12 great-grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Johnson and his wife were active
14 members of the Democratic Party for over half a century; and

15 WHEREAS, It is fitting that we, the members of the Sixty-fifth
16 General Assembly of the State of Colorado, pay tribute to the dedicated
17 service of Representative John E. Johnson and express our deep regret
18 and sorrow occasioned by his death; now, therefore,

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

21 That, in the death of John E. Johnson, the people of the State of
22 Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and outstanding citizen,
23 and that we, the members of the Sixty-fifth General Assembly, do hereby
24 extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and
25 pay tribute to a man who served his community and his state faithfully
26 and well.

27 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Resolution be
28 sent to Representative Johnson's son, John Jr., of Pueblo, his daughter,
29 Carolyn Duchlinski, of Northglenn, and his daughter-in-law, Priscilla, of
30 Denver.