



HOUSE MEMORIAL 07-1001

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MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE BETTY ORTEN.

WHEREAS, By the Will of Divine Providence, our former member, the Honorable Elizabeth "Betty" Alice Orten, departed this life on November 24, 2006, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, Representative Orten was born on February 3, 1927, in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Representative Orten lived in several places before moving to Denver because her father was a career Army officer; and

WHEREAS, Representative Orten graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in history and sociology and for a time worked in the field of social work; and

WHEREAS, Representative Orten began as a precinct committeewoman and went on to be Democratic state party vice-chairperson, Adams County Democratic chairperson, and Democratic National Committee member; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Representative Orten won her first race for the House of Representatives and served four terms, during which she was the House Minority Caucus Leader from 1979 through 1982; and

WHEREAS, While in the House of Representatives, Representative Orten concentrated on issues concerning disadvantaged persons, dental care for the elderly, help for battered women and displaced homemakers, housing for single-parent families, child care for single mothers, and prenatal exams; and

WHEREAS, For several years after retiring, Representative Orten was a legislative aide to Ann Ragsdale, who had succeeded her in the House of Representatives; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the House of Representatives, hereby pay tribute to Representative Betty Orten for her many contributions to the people of the state of Colorado whom she served well and faithfully.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be given to her four sons, Jerry Orten of Broomfield, Rusty Orten of Boulder, Frank Orten of Littleton, and Bruce Orten of Westminster.

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