



HOUSE MEMORIAL 13-1004

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MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE THEODORE "TED" WALLACE BRYANT.

WHEREAS, Our respected former colleague, Theodore "Ted" Wallace Bryant, a past member of the House of Representatives, departed this life on March 17, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Ted Bryant was born April 21, 1929, the youngest of eleven children, on the former Choctaw reservation near Hartshorne, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bryant enlisted in the Navy in 1946, serving as a Seaman Second Class, and, upon his return home, he joined the Oklahoma Air National Guard while he attended school at the Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa to become an airline mechanic; and

WHEREAS, Upon receipt of his FAA Aircraft and Engine mechanic license, he moved to Denver, where he joined the Colorado Air National Guard and attended the University of Denver and earned a degree in airline and airport management; and

WHEREAS, In 1950, Representative Bryant was commissioned Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force and was later promoted to Captain; and

WHEREAS, The following year, he married Phyllis, who would be his wife of sixty-two years; they would raise four daughters together and dote on their seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, In 1955, Representative Bryant began a new career with United Airlines, first as a flight instructor, then becoming the first American Indian pilot for the airline; and

WHEREAS, Representative Bryant was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives in 1966, and served three terms as a Denver Republican, acting as a member of the Finance; Local Government; Health, Welfare, & Institutions; and House Services committees; and serving as chair of the Transportation & Highways committee; and

WHEREAS, While chair of the Transportation & Highways committee, Representative Bryant helped draft the legislation from which RTD was created; and

WHEREAS, After leaving the Colorado General Assembly, Representative Bryant was appointed by President Richard Nixon as Regional Director of ACTION volunteer programs, which at the time included the Peace Corps program; and

WHEREAS, President Ronald Reagan appointed Representative Bryant to the Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation Economies, and Representative Bryant also served as a member of the Native American Veterans Advisory Committee for the President; and

WHEREAS, In his personal life, Representative Bryant was an active member of Montview Boulevard Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder and taught fifth-grade Sunday school for more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Ted Bryant devoted his life to the Lord, his family, his state, and his Indian heritage; now, therefore,

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

That, in the death of Theodore Wallace Bryant, 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-ninth General Assembly, do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and pay tribute to a man who served his state well and faithfully.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be sent to Representative Bryant's wife, Phyllis, and his daughters, Cheri Kay Huff, Rebecca Wiard, Barbi Bonfiglio, and Teddi Bryant.

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