



SENATE MEMORIAL 08-001

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MEMORIALIZING FORMER SENATOR WILSON M. ROCKWELL.

WHEREAS, By the Will of Divine Providence, our beloved former member, the Honorable Wilson, departed this life on December 13, 2007, at the age of 98; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rockwell was born on June 26, 1909, in Bradford, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rockwell attended Whittier College, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree at Stanford University, and earned a Master of Arts degree at the University of Denver; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rockwell served during World War II in the Air Force Intelligence Division; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rockwell was an accomplished writer who had written an autobiography and 8 volumes of regional history about the settlement and development of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rockwell served in the Colorado Senate from 1962 to 1969; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rockwell moved to Canada and lived there for almost forty years as a successful rancher, moving back to Crawford, Colorado, in November 2007; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rockwell was a member of the Rotary Club, Hotchkiss Elks Lodge #1807, American Legion Wilson-Head Post #97, and the Colorado Authors' League; and

WHEREAS, Senator Rockwell was dedicated to serving his constituents while he was a member of the Senate; now, therefore,

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

That, in the death of Wilson Rockwell, the people of the state of Colorado have lost an outstanding citizen and public servant, and that we, the members of the Senate of the Sixty-sixth 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 community and his state well and faithfully.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be sent to Senator Rockwell's son Dan Rockwell of Crawford, Colorado, his brother Robert F. Rockwell II of Corning, New York, and to the Delta County Historical Society to be added to the Senator Wilson Rockwell Collections.

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PRESIDENT OF
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