



### **HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 07-1002**

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**also SENATOR(S) Kopp, Bacon, Boyd, Brophy, Fitz-Gerald, Gordon, Groff, Hagedorn, Harvey, Isgar, Johnson, Keller, Kester, May R., McElhany, Morse, Penry, Renfroe, Romer, Sandoval, Schwartz, Shaffer, Spence, Takis, Tapia, Taylor, Tochtrop, Tupa, Veiga, Ward, Wiens, and Williams.**

### **MEMORIALIZING FORMER CONGRESSMAN DANIEL L.**

WHEREAS, By the Will of Divine Providence, our former member, the Honorable Daniel "Dan" L. Schaefer, departed this life on April 16, 2006, at the age of 70; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Schaefer was born on January 25, 1936, in Guttenberg, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Schaefer received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Niagara University in New York in 1961 and also attended Potsdam University in New York from 1961 through 1964; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Schaefer served in the United States Marine Corps from 1955 through 1957 and attained the rank of sergeant; and

WHEREAS, Upon leaving the Armed Forces, Congressman Schaefer worked as an educator from 1961 through 1967 and later worked as a public relations consultant; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Schaefer was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives in 1977 and served in the Colorado Senate from 1979 through 1983; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Schaefer was a delegate to Colorado State Republican conventions between 1972 and 1982; and

WHEREAS, While serving in the Colorado Senate, Congressman Schaefer was Senate President Pro Tem in 1981 and 1982 and was the Senate Assistant Majority Leader in 1983; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, Congressman Schaefer won a special election to the 98th United States Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of United States Representative-elect Jack Swigert; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Schaefer served in the United States Congress from 1983 through 1998 and was a member of the House Commerce Committee and chair of the Subcommittee on Energy and Power, a member of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, and Dean of the Colorado congressional delegation; and

WHEREAS, During his fifteen years as a member of the United States Congress and recognizing Colorado's rapid population growth, Congressman Schaefer steadfastly safeguarded the transportation interests of both his constituents and the residents of Colorado by obtaining funding for the construction of C-470, the Southwest Light Rail Corridor, the Highway 73 and 74 Intersection, the I-225/Iliff Avenue Interchange, the C-470/I-70 Interchange plus rail grade separations, and proposing the legislative language authorizing the Mineral Avenue crossing; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Schaefer sponsored the Balanced Budget Amendment Act every one of his fifteen years in Congress to restore fiscal stability to our nation; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Schaefer sponsored the National Retail Sales Tax Act that would eliminate the national income tax; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Schaefer opened and extended to the young people of his district every congressional opportunity available to youth such as the Military Academy Nominations, the "Artistic Discovery" high school art competition, and the Congressional Award program; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Schaefer, ever mindful of Colorado's great and unique environment, sponsored and obtained passage of the Federal Facility Compliance Act, the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Amendments Act, and the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Withdrawal Amendment Act, expediting the opening of the plant, plus establishing the first congressional Renewable Energy Caucus; and

WHEREAS, The main building at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden was named after him in honor of his annual efforts to maintain the funding; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Schaefer was dedicated to serving his constituents while he was in the state legislature and demonstrated that same commitment during his many years in Congress; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

That, in the death of Daniel "Dan" L. Schaefer, the people of the state of Colorado have lost an outstanding citizen and public servant, and that we, the members of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly, hereby extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and pay tribute to a man who served his community, his state, and the nation well and faithfully.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Joint Memorial be sent to Dan Schaefer's former wife, Mary Schaefer of Lakewood; his mother, Evelyn Schroepfer of Golden; and his four children, Daniel L. Schaefer of Camas, Washington, Darren Schaefer of Lakewood, Joel B. Schaefer of Arvada, and Jennifer Gamble of Lakewood.

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