



HOUSE MEMORIAL 14-1001

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**MEMORIALIZING FORMER
REPRESENTATIVE NICK THEOS.**

WHEREAS, Our respected former colleague, Nick Theos, a past member of the Colorado House of Representatives, departed this life on April 11, 2013, at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, Representative Theos was born in Watson, Utah, on December 8, 1920, to Angelo and Mary Theos; and

WHEREAS, Representative Theos graduated from Grand Junction High School, where he played football on the undefeated 1936 state champion "Wonder Team", which did not allow a point all season; and

WHEREAS, Representative Theos attended Colorado A&M on a football scholarship in 1938; and

WHEREAS, Passionate about the livestock industry, Representative Theos devoted his life to operating his sheep ranch and working to protect the livestock industry; and

WHEREAS, Representative Theos was also passionate about politics and served in the Colorado House of Representatives in 1979 and 1980, representing the counties of Eagle, Garfield, Lake, Pitkin, and Rio Blanco; and

WHEREAS, While serving in the state legislature, Representative Theos served on the Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee and the Local Government Committee, and served on the interim committees for Agriculture-Water and Local Government; and

WHEREAS, Outside of the legislature, Representative Theos served on many committees, belonged to numerous organizations, and held several civic positions, including president of the Colorado Wool Growers and the Public Lands Council; director for the Public Lands Council; chairman of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association State Lands Committee; member of the Colorado Cattlemen's Association Bureau of Land Management Liaison Committee; member of a land use committee for the National Wool Growers Association; and member of CLUB 20; and

WHEREAS, Representative Theos was a founding member and past president of the Public Lands Council, and the Council has established the Nick Theos PLC Scholarship program to provide college students who are dedicated to the livestock industry the opportunity to attend the annual PLC Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Representative Theos is remembered as a man who dedicated his life to advocating for the livestock industry; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we, the members of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly, pay tribute to the dedicated service of Representative Nick Theos and express our deep regret and sorrow occasioned by his death; 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 Nick Theos, the people of the state of Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and outstanding citizen, and that we, the members 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 Theos' daughters, Connie Theos and Renae Theos Neilson; his grandchildren, Kelcee Milton Vroman, Morgan Neilson, and Taylor Neilson; his nephew, Angelo Theos; the Colorado Wool Growers Association; and the Colorado Cattlemen's Association.

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