



SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 04-001

BY SENATOR(S) Evans, Andrews, Anderson, Cairns, Entz, Owen, Reeves, Arnold, Chlouber, Dyer, Fitz-Gerald, Gordon, Groff, Grossman, Hagedorn, Hanna, Hillman, Isgar, Johnson S., Jones, Keller, Kester, Lamborn, May R., McElhany, Nichol, Phillips, Sandoval, Takis, Tapia, Taylor, Teck, Tupa, Veiga, and Windels;
 also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Wiens, Harvey, May M., Berry, Borodkin, Boyd, Briggs, Brophy, Butcher, Cadman, Carroll, Cerbo, Clapp, Cloer, Coleman, Crane, Decker, Fairbank, Frangas, Garcia, Hall, Hefley, Hodge, Hoppe, Jahn, Johnson R., Judd, King, Larson, Lee, Lundberg, Madden, Marshall, McCluskey, McFadyen, McGihon, Merrifield, Miller, Mitchell, Paccione, Plant, Pommer, Ragsdale, Rhodes, Rippy, Romanoff, Rose, Salazar, Schultheis, Sinclair, Smith, Spence, Spradley, Stafford, Stengel, Tochtrop, Vigil, Weddig, Weissmann, Welker, White, Williams S., Williams T., Witwer, and Young.

CONCERNING HONORING FORMER SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE JOE WINKLER.

WHEREAS, Josef "Joe" Winkler was born on April 23, 1928, in Denver, Colorado, the son of Austrian immigrants who homesteaded in Douglas County; and

WHEREAS, Joe Winkler graduated from Douglas County High School in 1946 and then from Colorado State University in 1953 with a degree in animal husbandry and animal production; and

WHEREAS, Joe Winkler married Lois Simon on February 11, 1966; and

WHEREAS, Joe Winkler served as chairman, as well as secretary, in the early days of the Douglas County Republican party and founded the Young Republicans League in Douglas County in the 1950s; and

WHEREAS, Joe Winkler served as the chairman of the 22nd Senatorial District, the 18th Judicial District, and the 40th Representative District; and

WHEREAS, Joe Winkler served 5 terms in the General Assembly, from 1977 to 1986, with 3 terms in the House of Representatives and 2 in the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Joe Winkler served on a number of Committees, and chaired Game, Fish and Park, and Business Affairs and Labor in the House, and State Affairs and Local Government in the Senate; and

WHEREAS, Joe Winkler was a man who stayed true to his values, as United States Representative Tom Tancredo pointed out when he stated: "Joe was titanium -- nothing eroded his principles. And he was the nicest guy in the whole world on top of that."; and

WHEREAS, Joe Winkler lived his belief that personal responsibility is the bedrock of our American system, and that, if each individual were responsible for their own actions, the United States and Colorado would be a far better place to live; and

WHEREAS, Joe Winkler championed open space and worked hard for agriculture, describing himself as ultraconservative, dedicated to cutting back on government spending, cutting taxes, and increasing water storage for future growth; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his active participation in politics, Joe Winkler loved animals and was dedicated to helping anyone and everyone who needed a hand; and

WHEREAS, Joe Winkler spent many years working with young people in the 4-H Clubs and each fall gave busloads of third graders a lesson in the early history of Douglas County as well as a lesson in land husbandry; and

WHEREAS, Joe Winkler loved his cattle and was also known to take in every stray cat and dog that appeared on his doorstep; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, with the support of Joe Winkler and his wife, the Douglas County Buddy Center, an animal adoption program of the Dumb Friends League, opened its doors; now, therefore,

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

That, in the death of Joe Winkler, the people of the State of Colorado have lost a devoted public servant, an outstanding citizen, an admired neighbor, and a true friend, and that we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and community and pay tribute to a man who served his nation, his state, and his community well and faithfully.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Memorial be sent to his wife Lois Winkler, his sister Fran Cannon of Castle Rock, and his brother George Winkler of Yuma, Arizona.

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THE SENATE

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