

## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 91-1

BY SENATORS Traylor, McCormick, Strickland, Allison, Meiklejohn, Bishop, Wham, Schroeder, Ament, Bird, Cassidy, Considine, Fenlon, Gallagher, Groff, Hopper, J. Johnson, Leeds, Martinez, Mendez, Mutzebaugh, Norton, Owens, Pascoe, Pastore, Peterson, Powers, Rizzuto, Roberts, Sandoval, Schaffer, Tebedo, Trujillo, Wattenberg, and Wells; also REPRESENTATIVES Neale, Fish, Anderson, Tucker, Acquafresca, Adkins, Agler, Arveschoug, Berry, Blickensderfer, Chlouber, Coffman, DeHerrera, Duke, Dyer, Eisenach, Entz, Epps, Faatz, Fagan, Fleming, Foster, Grampsas, Grant, Greenwood, P. Hernandez, T. Hernandez, Irwin, Jerke, S. Johnson, Jones, June, Kerns, Killian, Knox, Kopel, Lawrence, Mares, Martin, McInnis, Miller, Moellenberg, Owen, Pankey, Prinster, Ratterrec, Redder, Reeser, Reeves, Romero, Ruddick, Rupert, Salaz, Schauer, Shoemaker, Snyder, Sullivan, Swenson, Tanner, Thiebaut, Webb, D. Williams, S. Williams, Wright, and Young.

WHEREAS, By The Will of Divine Providence, our beloved former member, The Honorable Ruth S. Stockton, departed this life on October 21, 1990, at the age of 74; and

WHEREAS, Senator Stockton served this state faithfully, representing Jefferson county in the House of Representatives from 1960 to 1964, and representing Jefferson county in the Senate from 1964 to 1984; and

WHEREAS, Senator Stockton is considered one of the most influential members ever to have served in the General Assembly, having served longer than any other woman, and having served as the first woman to chair the Joint Budget Committee, the first female president pro tempore of the Senate, and the chairwoman of the Senate's Health, Environment, Welfare and Institutions Committee for ten years; and

WHEREAS, Senator Stockton will be long remembered for her quiet but strong demeanor and her ability to consistently steer legislative debates into productive directions; and

WHEREAS, Senator Stockton distinguished herself in the General Assembly with her work for the mentally ill and handicapped, for children (which included requiring mandatory immunizations for children), for the helpless, needy, disadvantaged, and disabled in mind, body, and spirit, for increased access to education, for highway safety and construction, for women's issues and contraceptive and abortion rights, and for improved treatment of alcoholism and drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, Senator Stockton was a member of and advocate for the Governor's Commission on Women, and Senator Stockton was a founding member of women's treatment programs for alcoholism and drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, Senator Stockton was involved and active in politics for most of her life and was an extraordinary asset to the Republican Party, to the state of Colorado, and to her community; and

WHEREAS, Although Senator Stockton represented a metropolitan district, she had an acute awareness of the needs and concerns of rural Colorado, and she was very supportive of rural Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Senator Stockton received numerous awards and honors from the community and the state of Colorado, and was so respected by her colleagues that she was honored upon her retirement from the General Assembly

with the installation of a permanent stained glass portrait in the Senate Chamber; and

WHEREAS, Senator Stockton continued to render public service upon retirement from the General Assembly, as evidenced by her appointment to the state board of social services; and

WHEREAS, Senator Stockton's leadership and decision-making abilities on budgetary matters during a critical period of revenue shortage were invaluable to all the citizens of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Senator Stockton was a wonderful role model to women and legislators, a hero to many, and a true legend in her own time; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we, the members of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly, pay tribute to the years of dedicated public service of the late Senator Stockton and express our deep regret and sorrow occasioned by her death; now therefore,

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

That, in the death of Senator Ruth S. Stockton, the people of this state have lost a devoted public servant and an outstanding citizen and that we, the members of the Fifty-eighth General Assembly, do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of her family and pay tribute to a woman who served her state well and faithfully.

*Be it Further Resolved,* That copies of this memorial be sent to Truman Stockton, the late Senator Stockton's husband; her daughter, Alexe "Boots" Stockton-Beran; and her grandson, Truman Edward "Teb" Beran.

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