

HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 91-1001

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

WHEREAS, By the Will of Divine Providence, our beloved former member, the Honorable Palmer L. Burch, born in Ordway, Colorado, departed his life on June 28, 1990, at the age of eighty-three; and

WHEREAS, Palmer Burch, having had a long career in public service, began his political career in 1946 when he was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives from Denver; and

WHEREAS, Palmer Burch was regarded as being the foremost expert on finances and one of the outstanding legislators of the early post-World War II era; and

WHEREAS, Palmer Burch distinguished himself during his twenty years of service in the general assembly as House majority leader, chairman and vice-chairman of the Joint Budget Committee, and chairman of the House Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS, Palmer Burch reorganized the Joint Budget Committee by giving it a professional staff and formal legal standing; and

WHEREAS, Palmer Burch earned further distinction as candidate for Governor and as state treasurer, an appointed member of the Governor's refugee council, and a member of the Denver school board and was instrumental in the effort to establish Metropolitan State College of Denver and a supporter of the creation of the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo; and

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

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

That, in the death of Palmer L. Burch, the people of the State of Colorado have lost an outstanding citizen and public servant and that we, the members of the Fifty-eighth 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 Elvera Myrtle Burch, wife of Palmer Burch, his daughter, Susan E. Burch, and his brothers Clyde M. Hefner and James H. Hefner.

BY REPRESENTATIVES DeHerrera, Duke, P. Hernandez, T. I. Miller, Moellenberg, Schauer, Shoemaker, Young; also SENATORS J. Johnson, Leeds, Roberts, Sandoval,

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