



HOUSE MEMORIAL 12-1003

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MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE BETTY J. MILLER.

WHEREAS, Our respected former colleague, Betty J. Miller, a past member of the Colorado House of Representatives, departed this life on January 28, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Representative Miller was born in Bluefield, West Virginia, in 1927, earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry at Ohio University, and moved to Colorado in 1959; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Representative Miller was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives, where she served for one term representing Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the House of Representatives, Representative Miller served on several committees, including serving as chair of the Local Government Committee for two years; and

WHEREAS, Representative Miller was active in the incorporation of the City of Lakewood in 1969 and subsequently served for six years as the first woman elected to the city council; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Governor Richard Lamm appointed Representative Miller as the Executive Director of the Department of Local Affairs; and

WHEREAS, Representative Miller served for four years as the Regional Administrator of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development under President Jimmy Carter, beginning in 1977; and

WHEREAS, For eight years, Representative Miller was the District and State Director for United States Congressman and Senator Timothy Wirth; and

WHEREAS, Representative Miller served as a County Commissioner for Jefferson County from 1993 to 1997, during which time she was a strong supporter and proponent of the Open Space Program, the countywide planning effort known as Future Jeffco, and open, service-oriented government; and

WHEREAS, Representative Miller also served on the Auraria Higher Education Center board of directors; and

WHEREAS, Representative Miller received several awards, including Outstanding Woman of 1972 from the Lakewood Sentinel; 1977 Citizen of the Year from the Lakewood Board of Realtors; the Third Annual Leo C. Riethmayer Outstanding Public Administrator Award in 1980; and Lakewood's Historical Belmar Village 1994 Woman Who Made A Difference; and

WHEREAS, Representative Miller has been described as a dedicated public servant who was effective, straightforward, and honest; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly, pay tribute to the dedicated service of Representative Betty J. Miller and express our deep regret and sorrow occasioned by her death; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

That, in the death of Betty J. Miller, the people of the state of Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and outstanding citizen, and that we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-eighth General Assembly, do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of her family and pay tribute to someone who served her state well and faithfully.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be sent to Representative Miller's daughter and son, Beth Miller and Alan Miller.

Marilyn Eddins
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

Frank McNulty
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
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