



**HOUSE MEMORIAL 09-1002**

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**MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE  
JOSEPH DOLAN.**

WHEREAS, By the Will of Divine Providence, our beloved former member, Joseph "Joe" Francis Dolan, departed this life on September 3, 2008, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Born November 21, 1921, Joe Dolan was raised in Woodhaven, New York; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dolan answered the call to serve in the U.S. Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dolan received his law degree from St. John's University in New York in 1947 and was admitted to the Colorado Bar in 1949; and

WHEREAS, From 1947 to 1953, Representative Dolan worked as an attorney in the U.S. Attorney's office in Denver and for the U.S. House of Representatives in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dolan was a founding partner of the Denver law firm of Collins, Henry, and Dolan, where he worked from 1953 to 1960; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dolan served in the Colorado House of Representatives from 1959 to 1961, where he represented the city and county of Denver; and

WHEREAS, During his time in the Colorado House, Representative Dolan was a member of the Judiciary, Labor and Employment Relations, and Legislative Council committees and was Vice-chair of the State Affairs committee; and

WHEREAS, A friend and advisor of the Kennedy family, Representative Dolan was an early supporter of and a key strategist in John F. Kennedy's 1960 presidential campaign; and

WHEREAS, In 1961, Representative Dolan resigned from his position as state representative to become Assistant Deputy Attorney General under U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy; and

WHEREAS, During his time at the Justice Department, Representative Dolan became involved in the fight to desegregate schools in the South; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dolan escorted the first black woman to attend the University of Alabama and helped draft federal civil rights legislation; and

WHEREAS, After assisting with Robert Kennedy's 1964 U.S. senatorial campaign, Representative Dolan served as Senator Kennedy's chief Senate aide until 1968; and

WHEREAS, From 1969 to 1973, Representative Dolan was president of Great Western United Foundation and of Shakey's Pizza, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, In 1975, Governor Lamm appointed Representative Dolan to be Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Revenue, where he served until 1977, at which time he was appointed by President Carter as the U.S. Attorney for Colorado; and

WHEREAS, After his service as U.S. Attorney, Representative Dolan went on to serve as Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Highways from 1982 to 1987, where he was a forceful advocate for financing highway construction projects and light rail; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-seventh General Assembly, pay tribute to the dedicated service of Representative Joseph Dolan and express our deep regret and sorrow occasioned by his death; now, therefore,

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

That, in the death of Joseph Dolan, 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-seventh General Assembly, do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to his many friends and pay tribute to a man who served his state well and faithfully.

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Marilyn Eddins  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Terrance D. Carroll  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES