



SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 03-006

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MEMORIALIZING FORMER SENATOR LES FOWLER.

WHEREAS, By the Will of Divine Providence, our beloved former member, the Honorable Les Fowler, departed this life on February 8, 2003, at the age of 78; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fowler was born June 21, 1924, in St. Louis, Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fowler served in the Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fowler moved to Boulder shortly after World War II where he attended the University of Colorado School of Business on the G.I. Bill and played on the C.U. golf team; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fowler was the University of Colorado golf team's volunteer head coach, a position he held for more than 29 years, during which time he led the team to 3 conference titles and coached future PGA

players Hale Irwin and Dale Douglass; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fowler, one of the state's premier amateur golfers, was elected to the Colorado Golf Hall of Fame and is the only person in state history to have won the amateur state stroke play tournament, the amateur state match play tournament, the amateur state senior stroke play tournament, and the amateur state senior match play tournament; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fowler was a district manager for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network for 38 years; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fowler served as a Boulder City Councilman from 1956 to 1962; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fowler served as a State Representative from 1967 to 1968 where he served as a member of the Transportation and Highways Committee and as vice-chair of the Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fowler honorably and faithfully served the citizens of Boulder County in the State Senate from 1969 to 1988; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fowler is the longest serving state legislator in Boulder County history; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fowler was known as a driving force behind the establishment of the Eldorado Canyon State Park and the Regional Transportation District; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fowler was chair of the Senate Local Government Committee from 1969 to 1972, chair of the Senate Finance Committee from 1973 to 1988, and a member of the Business Affairs and Labor Committee from 1975 to 1988; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fowler demonstrated his deep and enduring belief in public education by serving as the prime sponsor for and a chief architect of the "Public School Finance Act of 1973" which stands today as the crucial education funding reform of the contemporary era as it required powerful state general fund support for funding of K-12 education; and

WHEREAS, The "Public School Finance Act of 1973", and the ensuing annual renewal of this remarkable approach to funding and support of

public education, has produced more funding support and more property tax relief than any other legislative measure since statehood; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fowler was a pioneer of lowering the voting age to 18, believing in the enrollment of youth as early as possible in our democratic process; and

WHEREAS, Senator Fowler will be remembered as a man who was fascinated with the legislative process and who was quietly effective even during difficult times; and

WHEREAS, After he left public office, Senator Fowler served his community as a member of the board of directors of University Hospital for 13 years, serving longer on the board than any other member; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we, the members of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly, pay tribute to the dedicated service of Senator Fowler and express our deep regret and sorrow occasioned by his death; 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 Les Fowler, the people of the State of Colorado have lost an outstanding citizen and public servant and that we, the members of the Sixty-fourth General Assembly, 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 Senator Fowler's wife, Jane Fowler, to his daughter Nancy Denton, and to his sons Mark Fowler and Marty Fowler.

John Andrews
PRESIDENT OF
THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

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THE SENATE

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CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE
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APPROVED _____

Bill Owens
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF COLORADO