

## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 93-1

BY SENATORS Bishop, Ament, Bird, Blickensderfer, Casey, Cassidy, Feeley, Gallagher, Groff, Hopper, Johnson, Lacy, Mares, Martinez, Meiklejohn, Mendez, Mutzebaugh, Norton, Owens, Pastore, Peterson, L. Powers, R. Powers, Rizzuto, Roberts, Ruddick, Schaffer, Schroeder, Tebedo, Traylor, Trujillo, Wattenberg, Weissmann, Wells, and Wham; also REPRESENTATIVES Foster, Prinster, Acquafresca, Adkins, Agler, Allen, Anderson, Armstrong, Benavidez, Berry, Blue, Chlouber, Clark, Coffman, Degette, Duke, Dyer, Eisenach, Entz, Epps, Faatz, Fleming, Friednash, George, Gordon, Grampas, Greenwood, Hagedorn, R. Hernandez, T. Hernandez, Jerke, June, Kaufman, Keller, Kerns, Knox, Kreutz, Lawrence, Lyle, Martin, May, Moellenberg, Morrison, Nichol, Owen, Pankey, Pfiffner, Pierson, Ratterree, Reeser, Reeves, Romero, Rupert, Salaz, Schauer, Shoemaker, Snyder, Strom, Sullivan, Tanner, Taylor, Thiebaut, Tucker, Williams, and Wright.

WHEREAS, By the Will of Divine Providence, our beloved former member, the Honorable Chester K. "Chet" Enstrom, departed this life on October 1, 1992, at the age of eighty-nine; and

WHEREAS, Senator Enstrom served this state faithfully, representing Mesa County in the State Senate from 1966 until his retirement in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Senator Enstrom distinguished himself as a member of the Senate, having carried legislation that made Mesa College part of the state junior college system and later a four-year college, and having sponsored bills on environmental issues concerning air pollution control and recycling, and having sponsored a bill establishing the Western Regional Mental Health Center in Grand Junction and creating and recognizing area vocational schools as part of the state system; and

WHEREAS, Senator Enstrom served as chairman of the Senate Education Committee and was a member of the committees on Agriculture, Finance, Game and Fish, Urban Affairs, and Water, as well as the Joint Budget Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Enstrom devoted himself to public service throughout his professional life, serving eight years on the State Board of Agriculture and acting as director of the Region 7 Comprehensive Health Planning Organization and of the Colorado Arthritis Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Senator Enstrom was involved and active in politics for most of his life and was an extraordinary asset to the Republican party, to his community, and to the state of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, in Grand Junction, Senator Enstrom, served as city councilman from 1935 to 1939, served one term as mayor in 1939, and was chairman of the Mesa County Republican party for six years; and

WHEREAS, Senator Enstrom, in addition to his distinguished public career, was an extremely successful businessman, creating and establishing the world-famous Enstrom Candies, launching the Jones-Enstrom Ice Cream business in 1929 with an investment of 85 dollars, and celebrating the opening of a new 1.5 million-dollar candy kitchen in Grand Junction in 1989; and

WHEREAS, Senator Enstrom exemplified the values he built his business on,

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and applied those principles to both his professional and public life; and

WHEREAS, Senator Enstrom contributed generously to his community, having  
served as head of the United Fund, as director of the Chamber of Commerce,  
as president of the Lion's Club, and as director and chairman of the board of  
Valley Federal Savings and Loan Association and having been a 33rd Degree  
Mason, a Shriner, and a member of the B.P.O.E. Lodge #575; and

WHEREAS, Senator Enstrom was the recipient of numerous awards and  
honors recognizing his many achievements, including the Lion's Club award  
honoring him as Lion of the Year in 1956 and an award from the Chamber of  
Commerce honoring him as citizen of the year in 1977; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and an honor, that we, the members of the Fifty-ninth  
General Assembly, pay tribute to Chester K. "Chet" Enstrom 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 Senate of the Fifty-ninth General Assembly of the State  
of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

That, in the death of Chet Enstrom, the people of this state have lost a devoted  
public servant and an outstanding citizen and that we, the members of the  
Fifty-ninth 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  
community and the state well and faithfully.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Memorial be sent to: Vernie  
Elizabeth Enstrom, the late Senator Enstrom's wife; his daughter, Ann Elizabeth  
Scott; and his son, Emil L. Enstrom.