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## SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 95-3

BY SENATORS Norton, Alexander, Ament, Bishop, Blickensderfer, Casey, Coffinan, Dennis, Duke, Feeley, Gallagher, Hopper, Johnson, Lacy, Mares, Martinez, Matsunaka, Meiklejohn, Mutzebaugh, Pascoe, Perlmutter, L. Powers, R. Powers, Rizzuto, Rupert, Schaffer, Schroeder, Tanner, Tebedo, Thiebaut, Wattenberg, Weddig, Weissmann, Wells, and Wham;  
also REPRESENTATIVES Owen, Acquafresca, Adkins, Agler, Allen, Anderson, Armstrong, Berry, Chavez, Chlouber, Clarke, Congrove, Dean, DeGette, Dyer, Entz, Epps, Faatz, Foster, Friednash, George, Gordon, Grampas, Hagedorn, Hernandez, Jerke, June, Kaufman, Keller, Kerns, Knox, Kreutz, Lamborn, Lamm, Lawrence, Linkhart, Lyle, Martin, May, McElhany, McPherson, Moellenberg, Morrison, Musgrave, Nichol, Pankey, Paschall, Pfiffner, Prinster, Prinzler, Reeser, Reeves, Romero, Salaz, Saliman, Schauer, Schwarz, Snyder, Sullivan, Sullivant, Swenson, Taylor, Tool, Tucker, and Tupa.

WHEREAS, By the Will of Divine Providence, our beloved former member the Honorable Roland L. "Sonny" Mapelli departed this life on January 18, 1995, at the age of seventy-two; and

WHEREAS, Senator Mapelli was born June 10, 1922, in Denver, Colorado to Herman and Della Mapelli; and

WHEREAS, Senator Mapelli served in the United States Air Force as a private in 1942, becoming a commissioned 2nd lieutenant in 1946, and continued his service to his country in the Air Force reserves until 1955; and

WHEREAS, Senator Mapelli had a rich and varied career in Denver and Colorado business and politics; and

WHEREAS, Senator Mapelli served on the Denver City Council from 1950 to 1959 and was a candidate for the mayor of Denver in 1959; and

WHEREAS, In 1961, Senator Mapelli was appointed to a seat in the Colorado House of Representatives and was elected to the State Senate in 1962, representing Denver county; and

WHEREAS, Senator Mapelli was a member of numerous legislative committees, including Business Affairs, Finance, Metropolitan Affairs, Transportation, State Institutions, Livestock, Health and Welfare, and Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, Senator Mapelli and Ken Monfort, along with other political figures around the state, started a group called the Switcheroos to reflect their switch in affiliation from the Democratic to Republican parties; and

WHEREAS, In addition to an active political career, Senator Mapelli also concentrated on the family meat business; and

WHEREAS, Since 1954, the orphans at Queen of Heaven Orphanage would receive donations of fresh meat monthly from Senator Mapelli; and

WHEREAS, After taking over Mapelli Brothers Meat Company, Senator Mapelli merged the company with Monfort of Colorado Inc. in 1969; and

WHEREAS, Senator Mapelli was senior vice president and assistant to the president of ConAgra Red Meat Cos., the parent of Monfort Inc., which

ConAgra bought in 1987; and

WHEREAS, Senator Mapelli was a longtime member of the National Western Stock Show and Rodeo board of directors and executive committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Mapelli won numerous awards: The Knute Rockne award for outstanding civic achievement in 1961, the Colorado Meat Dealers Man of the Year in 1975, Water for Colorado Conservation Award in 1985, Colorado Business Leader of 1990, and Weld Distinguished Citizen of 1994 by the Longs Peak Council, Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we, the members of the Sixtieth General Assembly, pay tribute to the years of dedicated public service of Senator Mapelli and express our deep regret and sorrow occasioned by his death; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixtieth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

That in the death of Roland L. "Sonny" Mapelli, the people of the State of Colorado have lost an outstanding citizen and public servant and that we, the members of the Sixtieth 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 Senator Mapelli's wife, Neoma Mapelli, who resides in Greeley, his son-in-law and daughter John and Terralynn DeMoney, who reside in Greeley, and his son-in-law and daughter Mark and Geraldine Gustafson, who reside in Denver, and his brother Eugene Mapelli, who resides in Durango.