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MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE SAMUEL WILLIAMS.

WHEREAS, By the Will of Divine Providence, our former member, the Honorable Samuel "Sam" Williams, departed this life on November 20, 2007, at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williams was born on April 4, 1934, in Newark, New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williams earned a bachelor of science degree from Central State College in Wilberforce, Ohio, and a master of science degree from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williams embarked on a 20-year military career, serving with the elite United States Army Rangers throughout the Far East and Europe and attaining the rank of lieutenant colonel; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williams and his wife Gladys moved to Breckenridge, Colorado, where they owned a real estate and rental management company for many years; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williams served on the Breckenridge Town Council from 1978 to 1980; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williams was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives in 1986, 1988, 1990, and 1992 and served with honor and distinction; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williams served as minority leader in the House of Representatives in 1993 and 1994; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williams served on the Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources; Education; Local Government; State Affairs; Transportation and Energy; and Legal Services Committees; Legislative Council and its Executive Committee; and the Policemen's and Firemen's Pension Reform Commission, among other panels; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williams inspired countless young people as a role model and mentor; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williams was a founder and president of 100 Black Men, an organization dedicated to helping African-American youth; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williams served as the operations manager and acting director of the Department of Corrections - Youthful Offender System and served on the Denver Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williams was an assistant professor of marketing and ethics at Johnson and Wales University; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williams served as the general manager of the Park Hill Golf Club; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williams was a consummate sportsman, taking great joy in golf and long-distance running and competing in both the Boston and New York marathons; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williams was widely admired and respected as a man of tremendous warmth, boundless optimism, and unassailable integrity; and

WHEREAS, Representative Williams devoted his life to the service of his community and his country; now, therefore,

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

That, in the death of Samuel "Sam" Williams, the people of the state of Colorado have lost an outstanding citizen and public servant, and that we, the members of the Colorado House of Representatives of the Sixty-sixth General Assembly, hereby extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and pay tribute to a man who served his community and his state well and faithfully.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be sent to Sam Williams' wife of 51 years, Gladys Williams of Denver; his mother, Helma Williams of Denver; daughters Weslyn Moon of Dallas, Texas, and Glynis Williams-Thompson of Denver; and his brother Roland Williams of Sausalito, California.

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