



SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 01-003

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MEMORIALIZING THE HONORABLE ROBERT KNOUS, FORMER
SENATOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR.

WHEREAS, By the Will of Divine Providence, our beloved former member, the Honorable Robert Lee Knous, departed this life on May 15, 2000, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Knous was born November 1, 1917, in Ouray, Colorado to William Lee and Marie Grabow Knous; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Knous was raised on the Western Slope of Colorado and graduated from Montrose High School, where he starred in basketball, baseball, and track and field; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Knous attended the University of Colorado in Boulder and received a Bachelor of Arts degree; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Knous served our nation well and faithfully in the United States Navy Air Corps during World War II and, after five years, left the service with the rank of Lieutenant Commander; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Knous returned to Denver, served as confidential secretary to his father, then Governor William Lee Knous, studied law at the University of Denver, and was admitted to the Colorado Bar in 1948; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Knous served the city of Denver as deputy district attorney from 1947 to 1950 before going into private practice; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Knous continued in his family's political heritage by faithfully serving this state through election to the Senate at-large position from 1952 to 1956, being the largest vote-getter of the election in the state; and

WHEREAS, As a legislator, Lieutenant Governor Knous stayed well informed on proposed legislation and, in 1955, performed significant service as chairman of the commission that revised the old-age pension system and was instrumental in writing the amendment that transformed the system into one of the most advanced in the United States and one that won the approval of a large majority of the people, and was appointed in 1960 as chairman to the Governor's Commission for the White House Conference on Aging; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Knous continued his faithful service to this state when he was elected to serve as Lieutenant Governor from 1958 to 1966 and was the first Lieutenant Governor to serve a four-year term, and held the distinction of having served under both a Democratic governor and a Republican governor; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Knous continued to serve this nation as a commissioner and attorney for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Governor Knous was a loving husband to his wife, Elizabeth Austin Knous, and a loving father to his five children, Kathleen Jackson, Kristine Barbour, Robert Knous, Jr., William Knous, and Jack Knous; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we, the members of the Sixty-third General Assembly, pay tribute to the years of dedicated public service of Lieutenant Governor Knous and express our deep regret and sorrow occasioned by his death; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Sixty-third General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That, in the death of Robert Lee Knous, the people of this state have lost a devoted public servant and an outstanding citizen and that we, the members of the Sixty-third General Assembly, do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and pay tribute to a man who served this state and our nation well and faithfully.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be sent to Lieutenant Governor Knous's wife, Elizabeth Austin Knous, his daughters, Kathleen Jackson and Kristine Barbour, and his sons, Robert Knous Jr., William Knous, and Jack Knous.

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