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MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE BETTY ANN DITTEMORE.

WHEREAS, By the Will of Divine Providence, our beloved former member, the Honorable Betty Ann Dittimore, departed this life on November 22, 2000, at the age of 81; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dittimore was born on November 12, 1919, in Trinidad, Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dittimore attended the University of Colorado in 1937 and 1938, studying political science and journalism and attended the University of Denver in 1967, studying communications; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dittmore ran for the state House of Representatives at the age of 48, using her initials "B.A.D.", as her campaign slogan; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dittmore served in the House of Representatives from 1968 through 1978, representing the areas of Denver and Arapahoe county located in District 37; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dittmore became the first woman from Arapahoe County to be elected to the Colorado General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dittmore is best known for sponsoring the legislation that created the Colorado Housing and Finance Authority, the body that assists Colorado's poor and senior citizens with finding affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dittmore was the prime sponsor of important land use legislation, including House Bill 74-1041 that established areas and activities of state interest still known as "1041 powers" after the number of her bill; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dittmore's work as a legislator on issues affecting land use laid the groundwork for the responsible management of the explosive growth that the state has experienced in recent years; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dittmore rose to leadership in 1975 and 1976, becoming the Assistant Minority Leader, and in 1977 and 1978, becoming the Assistant Majority Leader; and

WHEREAS, Representative Dittmore was elected Arapahoe County Commissioner in 1980, becoming the county's first female commissioner, and served in that position for eight years; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third General Assembly, pay tribute to the dedicated service of Representative Dittmore and express our deep regret and sorrow occasioned by her death; now, therefore,

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

That, in the death of Betty Ann Dittmore, the people of the state of Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and outstanding citizen, and that we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third General Assembly, do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of her family and pay tribute to a woman who served this state and our nation well and faithfully.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be sent to Representative Dittmore's husband, Richard Dittmore, and her daughters, Rebecca Ann Bernie of Massachusetts and Diane Schindler of Arizona.

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CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

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