



SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 01-002

BY SENATOR(S) Thiebaut, Anderson, Andrews, Arnold, Cairns, Chlouber, Dyer (Arapahoe), Dyer (Durango), Entz, Epps, Evans, Fitz-Gerald, Gordon, Hagedorn, Hanna, Hernandez, Hillman, Lamborn, Linkhart, Matsunaka, May, McElhany, Musgrave, Nichol, Owen, Pascoe, Perlmutter, Phillips, Reeves, Takis, Tate, Taylor, Teck, Tupa, and Windels;
also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Grossman,.

MEMORIALIZING FORMER MINNESOTA GOVERNOR HAROLD STASSEN.

WHEREAS, By the Will of Divine Providence, Harold Stassen departed this life Sunday, March 4, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Harold Stassen was born April 13, 1907, in Dakota County, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, By the young age of 21, Mr. Stassen had earned his undergraduate degree and his law degree from the University of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, In 1938, Mr. Stassen became the youngest person to be elected as governor of the state of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stassen assisted in the United States' efforts during World War II when he resigned as governor of Minnesota in 1943 and joined the Navy as a lieutenant commander; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stassen provided a great service to the United States and the international community as a delegate to the conference that drafted the United Nations Charter; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stassen served as president of the University of Pennsylvania from 1948 to 1953; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stassen's 9 attempts to gain the Republican party's presidential nomination, although the subject of much humorous commentary, did not represent an exercise in futility but rather a tireless effort to ensure that the common-sense voice of the people was heard in the debate on major policy issues; and

WHEREAS, Harold Stassen epitomized the best in American politics, transcending partisanship to seek the highest ideals in American government; 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 Harold Stassen, the people of the United States have lost an outstanding citizen and public servant and that we, the members of the Sixty-third General Assembly, hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and pay tribute to a man who served Minnesota and the United States well and faithfully.

Be It Further Resolved, that copies of this joint memorial be sent to Mr. Stassen's children, Kathleen Berger and Glen Stassen.

Stan Matsunaka
PRESIDENT OF
THE SENATE

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

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SECRETARY OF
THE SENATE

Judith Rodrigue
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE
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APPROVED _____

Bill Owens
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF COLORADO