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STATE OF COLORADO**

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House Committees

HOUSE MEMORIAL 01-1001

101 **MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE GARY MCPHERSON.**

1 WHEREAS, By the Will of Divine Providence, our beloved former
2 member, the Honorable Gary McPherson, departed this life on October
3 12, 2000, at the age of 37; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative McPherson was born on December 4,
5 1962, in Auburn, Washington; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative McPherson graduated from Union
7 College and obtained his law degree from the University of Nebraska; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative McPherson held many honors
9 including the International Academy of Trial Lawyers Award in 1987 and
10 1988, Aurora Public Schools Superintendent's Award in 1992, Colorado
11 Bar Association Outstanding Young Lawyer in 1993, CACI Legislator of
12 the Year in 1995, NFIB's Guardian of Small Business Award in 1998 and
13 2000, and the American Council of Young Political Leaders Outstanding
14 Alumni Award in 1999; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative McPherson proudly served as a Major
16 in the Civil Air Patrol since 1995; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative McPherson was appointed to fill a
18 House vacancy in District 40 in 1994 and was elected as representative
19 from District 40 in 1996 and 1998; and

20 WHEREAS, Representative McPherson was chair of the House

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 Finance Committee, playing a major role in efforts to reduce state taxes;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Representative McPherson sponsored a bill to create
4 the official state tartan in appreciation of Coloradans of Scottish, Irish,
5 and other Celtic descent; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative McPherson loved politics and serving
7 this state, and he will be remembered as one of the General Assembly's
8 most highly regarded and popular members; and

9 WHEREAS, Representative McPherson was an honorable,
10 hardworking public servant who was respected by both Republicans and
11 Democrats; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative McPherson was a loving husband,
13 married to Shelley McPherson, and the proud father of three beautiful
14 daughters, Christina, Elizabeth, and Ashley; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative McPherson enjoyed life to the fullest,
16 playing golf, scuba diving, and traveling, and having a passion for flying
17 his single-engine Piper; now, therefore,

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

20 That, in the death of Gary McPherson, the people of the State of
21 Colorado have lost an outstanding citizen and public servant and that we,
22 the members of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third General
23 Assembly, hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members
24 of his family and pay tribute to a man who served his state well and
25 faithfully.

26 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Memorial be sent to
27 Representative McPherson's wife Shelley, his three daughters, Christina,
28 Elizabeth, and Ashley McPherson, and his parents, Ivan and Vickie
29 McPherson.