

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 91-1031

BY REPRESENTATIVES T. Hernandez, Berry, Webb, Faatz, Blickensderfer, Chlouber, Dyer, Eisenach, Fish, Grant, Greenwood, P. Hernandez, Kopel, Lawrence, Mares, Miller, Neale, Owen, Reeser, Romero, Rupert, Schauer, Shoemaker, D. Williams, Acquafresca, Arveschoug, DeHerrera, Entz, Fagan, S. Johnson, Jones, Kerns, Knox, Martin, Moellenberg, Redder, Reeves, Ruddick, Snyder, Sullivan, Tanner, Thiebaut, Tucker, S. Williams and Wright;
 also SENATORS Sandoval, Bishop, Allison, Ament, Bird, Cassidy, Considine, Fenlon, Gallagher, Groff, Hopper, Hume, J. Johnson, Martinez, McCormick, Meiklejohn, Mendez, Mutzebaugh, Norton, Owens, Pascoe, Pastore, Peterson, Powers, Rizzuto, Roberts, Schaffer, Schroeder, Strickland, Tebedo, Traylor, Trujillo, Wattenberg, Wells and Wham.

WHEREAS, Representative Richard T. Castro served this state faithfully, representing Denver county in the House of Representatives from 1975 through 1983; at the time of his initial election at age 25, being one of the youngest lawmakers ever elected to the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Representative Castro distinguished himself in the General Assembly with his work on progressive and humanistic legislation, such as bilingual education, legislative reapportionment to provide minority populations more access to state elected offices, expansion of voter registration, and improvement of the mental health and prison systems; and

WHEREAS, Representative Castro was a devoted and outstanding public servant, known for his endless contributions to various local, state, and national organizations; and

WHEREAS, Representative Castro was avidly outspoken about issues of major concern to minority populations and about meeting the educational needs of culturally diverse groups in the state, and fought not only to eliminate discrimination against Hispanics, but to eliminate discrimination against all persons, and has been recognized for his achievement in the field of promoting human rights, being the recipient of awards such as the American Jewish Committee Human Relations Award in 1986 and the Martin Luther King Junior Humanitarian Award in 1988; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has seen fit on occasion to recognize noteworthy Coloradans in a permanent and substantial way; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that a statesman of Richard T. Castro's caliber receive such recognition; now, therefore,

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

(1) That a sculptured portrait of Richard T. Castro be prepared and an appropriate place on the north side of the rotunda on the second floor in the Colorado State Capitol at Denver, Colorado, be set aside and dedicated to be used for its placement in permanent tribute to Richard T. Castro, advocate of justice, community leader, legislator, and statesman; and

(2) That a committee of interested citizens has been organized for the purpose of soliciting private contributions for the sculptured portrait of Richard T. Castro and that all private contributions therefor will be paid

