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STATE OF COLORADO**

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**HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 25-1001**

101     **MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE RODNEY BOCKENFELD.**

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1            WHEREAS, Rodney Bockenfeld, the former Representative,  
2     departed this life on February 13, 2025, at the age of 69; and

3            WHEREAS, Rodney Joseph Bockenfeld, known to everyone as  
4     Rod, was born on December 9, 1955, in Quincy, Illinois, to Donald and  
5     Patricia Bockenfeld; and

6            WHEREAS, Representative Bockenfeld was a graduate of  
7     Catholic Boys High School in Quincy, Illinois, in 1974; Western Illinois  
8     University in 1978; and the University of Colorado Graduate School of  
9     Banking in 1990; and

10           WHEREAS, Representative Bockenfeld moved to Denver in 1978  
11     and became a fraud investigator for Mountain States Bankcard and later  
12     met his wife, Susan, while working at Central Bank of Denver in 1984;

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SENATE  
Final Reading  
April 16, 2025

HOUSE  
Final Reading  
April 14, 2025

1       and

2               WHEREAS, Representative Bockenfeld and Susan Bockenfeld  
3       were married in 1985 and were blessed with five children: Paul, David,  
4       Joseph, Jacob, and Erika; and

5               WHEREAS, Representative Bockenfeld was high school class  
6       president for two years and also president of the Denver Chapter of the  
7       International Association of Credit Card Investigators; and

8               WHEREAS, A 20-year career in banking and then owning his own  
9       financial business for 10 years helped prepare Representative Bockenfeld  
10      for his political career; he was elected Arapahoe County Commissioner  
11      for three terms from 2004-2016, served as Chairman of the Board of  
12      County Commissioners for several of those years, and served on the  
13      Finance Committee; and

14              WHEREAS, Representative Bockenfeld also served as Chairman  
15      of the Denver Regional Council of Governments for one year as well as  
16      on several committees for the National Association of Counties; and

17              WHEREAS, Representative Bockenfeld was elected in November  
18      2018 to the Colorado House of Representatives for District 56, which  
19      included Adams and Arapahoe counties until redistricting in 2022 added  
20      Cheyenne, El Paso, Elbert, Kit Carson, and Lincoln counties; and

21              WHEREAS, Representative Bockenfeld served for three terms  
22      from 2019-2024, was a member of the Legislative Audit Committee for  
23      four years, and was a member of the Joint Budget Committee for his final  
24      term; and

25              WHEREAS, Representative Bockenfeld was known for his love  
26      of the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights and for advocating for local government;  
27      he always viewed legislation with a fiscal eye, prioritizing a balanced  
28      budget and advocating for K-12 and higher education; and

29              WHEREAS, Representative Bockenfeld was honored to serve the  
30      citizens of Colorado as both an Arapahoe County Commissioner and a  
31      State Representative; and

32              WHEREAS, Representative Bockenfeld was very proud of the  
33      adults his children have become and cherished the memories of them

1 growing up and later the time spent with his grandchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Bockenfeld loved to travel in a motor  
3 home with his family and visited all but three of the lower 48 states over  
4 the last 35 years; and

5 WHEREAS, Representative Bockenfeld and his wife, Susan,  
6 enjoyed a final adventure to Germany in 2023, where they visited five  
7 towns where his ancestors had lived, fulfilling a lifelong dream; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Bockenfeld was predeceased by his  
9 father Donald Bockenfeld, mother Patricia Meado, brother Jeffrey  
10 Bockenfeld, beloved son David Strickland, and beautiful granddaughter  
11 Ryleigh Bockenfeld; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Bockenfeld is survived by his wife of  
13 40 years, Susan, son Paul Strickland, son Joseph Bockenfeld, son Jacob  
14 Bockenfeld, daughter Erika Bockenfeld, brother Jim Bockenfeld, sister  
15 Donnette Cannady, and eight grandchildren; now, therefore,

16 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth*  
17 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the Senate concurring herein:*

18 That, in the death of Representative Rodney Bockenfeld, the  
19 people of the State of Colorado have lost a devoted public servant and an  
20 outstanding citizen, and that we, the members of the Seventy-fifth  
21 General Assembly, pay tribute to Rod Bockenfeld for years of dedicated  
22 public service and extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members  
23 of the family.

24 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Memorial be sent to  
25 Susan Bockenfeld, Erika Bockenfeld, Joseph Bockenfeld, Jacob  
26 Bockenfeld, James Bockenfeld, Paul Strickland, and Donnette Cannady.