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MEMORIALIZING FORMER SENATOR JOSEPH SCHIEFFELIN.

WHEREAS, Our respected former colleague, Joseph Schieffelin, a past member of the Colorado General Assembly, departed this life on June 11, 2016, in Lakewood, Colorado, at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, Senator Schieffelin was born on January 18, 1927, in New York City, New York; and

WHEREAS, At a young age, Senator Schieffelin was encouraged by his father and stepmother to play musical instruments, eventually teaching himself the piano and guitar, and music would have a profound influence on him for the rest of his life; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Yale with a degree in Psychology, Senator Schieffelin moved to Colorado in 1950; and

WHEREAS, Soon after his move, Senator Schieffelin met Marilyn

Preusse during a ski trip at Cooper Hill Ski Area, the two married in 1956, and the couple later had 3 children together; and

WHEREAS, Senator Schieffelin began his career in the state legislature when he was elected as a state representative in 1962; and

WHEREAS, Senator Schieffelin went on to serve in the state Senate from 1967 to 1978, and during that time served as Senate Majority Leader from 1973 to 1974; and

WHEREAS, Senator Schieffelin served on several committees during his tenure, including as chair of Senate Services from 1967 to 1968, chair of Game, Fish, and Wildlife from 1969 to 1972, chair of Wildlife, Parks, Natural Resources, and Energy from 1975 to 1976, and chair of State Affairs from 1977 to 1978; and

WHEREAS, During his career, Senator Schieffelin authored a bill requiring hunters to wear "blaze orange" hunting gear, a safety precaution that, to this day, is attributed to saving many lives, and also helped create the Colorado Junior College system and Golden Gate Canyon State Park in Golden; and

WHEREAS, Of his political career, Senator Schieffelin's son, Joe Schieffelin, said, "He was truly a man of integrity. He had a lot of energy and intellect and he just had a great desire to serve Colorado. He loved the state and he loved the people."; and

WHEREAS, Senator Schieffelin went on to earn a Master's Degree in Political Science from the University of Colorado at Denver, where he also taught Government classes, and worked as the assistant insurance commissioner for the state until his retirement in 1997; and

WHEREAS, After retirement, Senator Schieffelin traveled to many countries, including China, South Korea, and Greece, but he loved no place as much as he loved Colorado, saying, "There is no color like the blue sky of Colorado."; and

WHEREAS, In his final weeks, Senator Schieffelin continued to sing and perform by occasionally putting on shows for the staff of nurses who attended to him; and

WHEREAS, Senator Schieffelin was well respected by colleagues on both sides of the aisle and will be remembered for his hard work, dedication, and accomplishments; now, therefore,

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

That, in the death of Joseph Schieffelin, the people of the State of Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and outstanding citizen, and that we, the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives of the Seventy-first General Assembly, do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and pay tribute to a man who served his state well and faithfully.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Memorial be sent to Senator Joseph Schieffelin's wife, Marilyn Schieffelin, and his children, Joe Schieffelin, Jamie Mueller, and Ted Schieffelin.

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