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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 17-004

101 **MEMORIALIZING FORMER SENATOR JOSEPH SCHIEFFELIN.**

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

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

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

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

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 WHEREAS, Soon after his move, Senator Schieffelin met Marilyn
2 Preusse during a ski trip at Cooper Hill Ski Area, the two married in
3 1956, and the couple later had 3 children together; and

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

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

9 WHEREAS, Senator Schieffelin served on several committees
10 during his tenure, including as chair of Senate Services from 1967 to
11 1968, chair of Game, Fish, and Wildlife from 1969 to 1972, chair of
12 Wildlife, Parks, Natural Resources, and Energy from 1975 to 1976, and
13 chair of State Affairs from 1977 to 1978; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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