



SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 17-002

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Benavidez and Michaelson Jenet, Arndt, Becker J., Becker K., Beckman, Bridges, Buck, Buckner, Carver, Catlin, Coleman, Covarrubias, Danielson, Esgar, Everett, Exum, Foote, Garnett, Ginal, Gray, Hamner, Hansen, Herod, Humphrey, Jackson, Kennedy, Kraft-Tharp, Landgraf, Lawrence, Lebsock, Lee, Leonard, Lewis, Liston, Lontine, Lundeen, McKean, McLachlan, Melton, Mitsch Bush, Navarro, Neville P., Nordberg, Pabon, Pettersen, Rankin, Ransom, Rosenthal, Saine, Salazar, Sias, Singer, Thurlow, Valdez, Van Winkle, Weissman, Willett, Williams D., Wilson, Winter, Wist, Young, Duran.

MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATOR ROBERT "BOB" MARTINEZ.

WHEREAS, Former Representative and Senator Robert "Bob" Martinez departed this life on November 21, 2016, at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, Senator Martinez was born to Benito and Alfreida Martinez in Holly, Colorado, where he grew up with his nine siblings; and

WHEREAS, Senator Martinez attended Lamar Junior College, then transferred to the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo, where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science; later, he earned a master's degree in sociology from the University of Colorado-Boulder; and

WHEREAS, Senator Martinez served Colorado as a legislator for 20 years, beginning with a term in the House of Representatives in 1981; and

WHEREAS, In total, Senator Martinez served House District 32, representing Adams and Denver counties, for four years and later Senate District 25, serving Adams County, for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure, Senator Martinez held various leadership positions, including Senate Democratic caucus chairman, Senate assistant minority leader, and Chairman of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee; and

WHEREAS, Senator Martinez was committed to working on issues involving the elderly, veterans, children, and the homeless; and

WHEREAS, Senator Martinez was an effective legislator who, despite being in the minority party for two decades, was able to pass an average of three bills per year; and

WHEREAS, Senator Martinez was a leader for Colorado's Mexican-American community and founded the Mexican American State Legislative Policy Institute and the Colorado Association of Chicanos in Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Senator Martinez is fondly remembered by his two sons; three grandchildren; six siblings; brother-in-law; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends; 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 Senator Martinez, the people of the State of Colorado have lost a devoted public servant and an outstanding citizen, and that we, the members of the Seventy-first General Assembly, pay tribute to Senator Martinez for his years of dedicated public service and do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this joint memorial be sent to Senator Martinez's sons, Julian and Gerald Martinez; grandchildren, Jasmin, Mariah, and Zack Martinez; siblings, Nellie Garcia, Angel Marie Sanchez, Dr. Arthur D. Martinez, Benjamin Martinez, Connie Modecker, and David P. Martinez; and brother-in-law, Pete Contreras.

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