



HOUSE MEMORIAL 19-1002

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Kennedy, Arndt, Baisley, Beckman, Benavidez, Bird, Bockenfeld, Buck, Buckner, Buentello, Caraveo, Carver, Catlin, Coleman, Cutter, Duran, Esgar, Exum, Froelich, Galindo, Garnett, Geitner, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Gray, Hansen, Herod, Hooton, Humphrey, Jackson, Jaquez Lewis, Kipp, Kraft-Tharp, Landgraf, Larson, Lewis, Liston, Lontine, McCluskie, McKean, McLachlan, Melton, Michaelson Jenet, Mullica, Neville, Ransom, Rich, Roberts, Saine, Sandridge, Singer, Sirota, Snyder, Soper, Sullivan, Tipper, Titone, Valdez D., Weissman, Will, Williams D., Wilson, Becker.

MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE GWYN GREEN.

WHEREAS, Former Representative Gwyn Green departed this life on September 12, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Representative Green was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, on November 21, 1938, and was raised in Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Representative Green graduated from St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana, in 1961 and met her husband Dan at Notre Dame where he graduated; they were married in 1961 in Houston, Texas, and he served in the Air Force in New York and Albany, Georgia, before they moved to Colorado in 1964, where they raised their four children; and

WHEREAS, Representative Green was active in her local church, developing child care facilities, studying scripture, forming community social and prayer groups, and welcoming newcomers, and she worked in local parish offices and helped develop liturgies; and

WHEREAS, Representative Green received her Master of Social Work in 1986 from the University of Denver; and

WHEREAS, Representative Green was an active advocate for peace and social justice, participating in the April 1979 protest at Rocky Flats Nuclear Facility where protestors surrounded the plant and, in 2000, joining a protest at Fort Benning, Georgia, against the United States Army School of America's human rights and criminal violations in Latin America, during which she was detained and issued an order not to reenter the Army base for five years; and

WHEREAS, After moving to Golden, Colorado, in 1995, Representative Green deepened her commitment to public service, working with the Jefferson County League of Women Voters to address public policy related to pollution, water quality, and natural resources issues, as well as children's public safety; the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG); and Save the Mesas, a citizen-led protest group that formed following a 1997 proposal by Nike to relocate its world headquarters to South Table Mountain, and from 2001-2004, she served on Golden's City Council for Ward Four; and

WHEREAS, Representative Green's fierce commitment to supporting and protecting Golden presaged her equally fierce and dedicated advocacy at the state level when, in 2004, she was elected as a Democratic state representative to represent District 23, and she gained the nicknames "Landslide Green" and the "Fighting Granny", the latter of which typified her fierce advocacy for seniors, children, the poor, and her beloved city, Golden; and

WHEREAS, Representative Green was a kind mentor and friend to everyone she met; and

WHEREAS, During her time as a state representative, Representative Green focused her work on legislation that protected victims, including those who were victimized by clergy; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, Representative Green cosponsored a bill with then Senate President Joan Fitz-Gerald that would have lifted the statute of limitations on civil lawsuits in cases of sexual abuse, and they let the

measure die on the last day of session rather than watch it be weakened by opponents, including the Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Representative Green's delight was her faith, family, and friends, and she is survived by her loving husband Dan Green; two younger siblings, Wayne Druilhet and Melanie Morris; four children, Kevin Green, Laura Green, Mark Green, and Ben Green; 10 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

That, in the death of former Representative Gwyn Green, the people of the State of Colorado have lost a devoted public servant and an outstanding citizen, and that we, members of the Seventy-second General Assembly, pay tribute to Representative Green for her years of dedicated public service and do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of her family.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this Memorial be sent to Dan Green, Wayne Druilhet, Melanie Morris, Kevin Green, Laura Green, Mark Green, Ben Green, the League of Women Voters, and the City of Golden.

Marilyn Eddins
Marilyn Eddins
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

KC Becker
KC Becker
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES