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HOUSE RESOLUTION 19-1009

101 **CONCERNING THE RETIREMENT OF MARILYN EDDINS AS THE CHIEF**
102 **CLERK OF THE COLORADO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.**

1 WHEREAS, Marilyn Eddins, Chief Clerk of the Colorado House
2 of Representatives, is retiring after nearly four decades of invaluable
3 service to the Colorado House of Representatives; and

4 WHEREAS, Marilyn began her remarkable career with the
5 Colorado House of Representatives on December 13, 1982, as an
6 Assistant Enrolling Clerk; and

7 WHEREAS, Marilyn served dutifully over the ensuing years and,
8 as a result of her conscientious work and dedication, was promoted to
9 Journal Clerk in 1988; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1999, under the tutelage of the experienced and
11 knowledgeable Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, Judith "JR"
12 Rodrigue, Marilyn was promoted to Assistant Chief Clerk of the House
13 of Representatives; and

14 WHEREAS, Upon JR Rodrigue's retirement in 2004, Marilyn was

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1 selected to be the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, in which
2 capacity she has faithfully served for the past 15 years; and

3 WHEREAS, In her role as the Chief Clerk, Marilyn has earned the
4 respect and trust of the many members of the House of Representatives
5 who have served in that body over the course of her career as well as the
6 respect of her House staff, partisan and nonpartisan legislative staff,
7 lobbyists, the State Architect and the other employees of the Colorado
8 Department of Personnel, members of the press corps, and so many others
9 who have had the opportunity to work with Marilyn; and

10 WHEREAS, Marilyn is universally viewed as a kind,
11 compassionate, knowledgeable, and dedicated member of the legislative
12 staff, but her deep love and respect for the institution she has dutifully
13 served for decades also makes her fiercely loyal to and protective of the
14 institution, its leadership, and its members; and

15 WHEREAS, As a manager of the employees of the House of
16 Representatives, Marilyn has been a thoughtful, fair, and respectful
17 supervisor whose integrity and high personal standards pervade her
18 management style and have earned her the respect of the House
19 employees; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to her regular Chief Clerk duties, during
21 her tenure Marilyn has served on a number of working groups and
22 committees to protect and provide services to legislators and legislative
23 staff and to members of the lobby, media, and public who visit or do
24 business at the Capitol; and

25 WHEREAS, Marilyn served on the Legislative Emergency
26 Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Committee, which committee
27 developed a critical plan for the response by, and continuation of the
28 operations of, the Colorado General Assembly and the legislative service
29 agencies in the event of an emergency epidemic or disaster; and

30 WHEREAS, Marilyn also contributed to the working group that
31 developed and later updated the Legislative Branch Policy on Services for
32 Persons with Disabilities to Provide Access to Official Legislative
33 Proceedings of the Colorado General Assembly; and

34 WHEREAS, Marilyn participated on a working group that
35 investigated the need for improved interior and exterior signage at the

1 Capitol Building, including signs indicating services for persons with
2 disabilities, which new signage is scheduled to be installed later this year;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Marilyn's career has also been defined by the
5 enormous amount of time and energy she has dedicated to the
6 improvement and preservation of the historic Colorado State Capitol,
7 which building she views, and persistently refers to, as the "people's
8 house"; and

9 WHEREAS, In her zealous advocacy on behalf of the State
10 Capitol Building, Marilyn has served as a member of the Capitol Building
11 Advisory Committee for the past 12 years, and has been intimately
12 involved in the continuing deliberations regarding renovations to the State
13 Capitol Building, improvements to the Capitol grounds, and the display
14 of art and memorials within and outside the Capitol; and

15 WHEREAS, Marilyn has encouraged, overseen, and directed a
16 number of projects at the State Capitol Building to improve the building
17 and its grounds and to restore it to its original historic character, including
18 the restoration of the historic lamps at the base of the Grand Staircase; the
19 addition of the museum, Mr. Brown's Attic; the restoration and display of
20 the historic composite photographs of past General Assemblies; the
21 renovation of legislator offices; the display of the State Key in the rotunda
22 on the first floor; the beautification of the Capitol grounds; the restoration
23 of the Liberty Bell in Lincoln Park; and the addition of a replica khachkar
24 in the Armenian Gardens on the east side of the State Capitol Building;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Marilyn has also served on the Speaker Carl Beverly
27 Bledsoe Memorial Advisory Committee, which committee, with Marilyn's
28 guidance and leadership, completed the installation of a bust of the
29 former Speaker "Bev" Bledsoe in the lobby of the House of
30 Representatives; and

31 WHEREAS, Marilyn has recently facilitated the donation to the
32 House of Representatives of a private collection of statues representing
33 the "Spirit of the West"; and

34 WHEREAS, When Marilyn learned that several historic
35 architectural elements belonging to the State Capitol Building had been
36 unlawfully removed and sold, she sought them out and, upon locating

1 them at a local antique store, purchased the items and returned them to
2 their rightful home at the State Capitol Building; and

3 WHEREAS, Marilyn safely hid the rare and valuable Apollo 11
4 moon rock in a secure location for several years until such time as a
5 display case could be secured and the moon rock properly and securely
6 displayed in the State Capitol Building; and

7 WHEREAS, Marilyn's most noteworthy legacy is the significant
8 results of her leadership and dedicated efforts over the past six years as
9 an instrumental member of the stakeholder group that oversaw the
10 restoration and renovation of the House Chamber, the House and Senate
11 committee rooms, the Old State Library, and the Old Supreme Court
12 Chamber, in which capacity Marilyn ensured the restoration of the
13 original wall stenciling in the House Chamber, the revelation of the
14 long-forgotten chamber and committee room skylights, and the stunning
15 refurbishment of the House chandelier; and

16 WHEREAS, Marilyn has been a friend to and greatly respected
17 member of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries,
18 known as "ASLCS", for decades, during which time she has: Chaired and
19 co-chaired multiple committees of ASLCS including the Bylaws and
20 Standing Orders Committee, the International Communication and
21 Development Committee, the Program Development Committee, and the
22 Membership and Communication Committee; served as the appointed
23 Associate Member of the ASLCS Executive Committee; and has been
24 recognized by ASLCS in 2015 with the Legislative Staff Achievement
25 Award for her distinctive and exemplary leadership as the Chief Clerk of
26 the Colorado House of Representatives; and

27 WHEREAS, Marilyn has had the distinct honor to serve as Chief
28 Clerk with Speaker Andrew Romanoff, Speaker Terrance Carroll,
29 Speaker Frank McNulty, Speaker Mark Ferrandino, Speaker Dickey Lee
30 Hullinghorst, Speaker Crisanta Duran, and Speaker K.C. Becker; and

31 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives will be forever
32 indebted to Marilyn Eddins whose kind heart, immense wisdom,
33 boundless patience, depth of knowledge, and infinite grace will serve as
34 a beacon and inspiration to all who follow in her footsteps; now,
35 therefore,

36 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*

1 *Seventy-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 That we, the members of the House of Representatives of the
3 Seventy-second General Assembly, are deeply honored to convey our
4 highest respect and admiration for Marilyn Eddins upon her retirement,
5 our sincere gratitude for her faithful service and immeasurable
6 contributions to the Colorado House of Representatives, and our heartfelt
7 wishes for a happy and rewarding retirement.

8 *Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this House Resolution be
9 provided to Marilyn Eddins and to her daughter Tiffany Trevenen.