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**SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 16-003**

101     **MEMORIALIZING FORMER SENATOR STEPHANIE TAKIS.**

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1            WHEREAS, Our respected former colleague, Stephanie Takis, a  
2     past member of the Colorado Senate and House of Representatives,  
3     departed this life on August 5, 2014; and

4            WHEREAS, Senator Takis was born October 16, 1944, in Salt  
5     Lake City, Utah, to Andrew and Katherine Takis; and

6            WHEREAS, Senator Takis attended Granite High School and the  
7     University of Utah before moving to Washington, D.C., to become a  
8     congressional staffer; and

9            WHEREAS, Senator Takis worked as a congressional staffer for  
10    15 years, serving 5 different Democratic members of Congress, before  
11    moving on to work for a Senate committee and then the Congressional

*Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.  
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SENATE  
Final Reading  
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1 Affairs Office of the United States Department of Commerce; and

2 WHEREAS, After moving to Colorado and settling in Aurora,  
3 Senator Takis became involved in her community and was appointed to  
4 the Aurora Election Commission, the Aurora Citizens Advisory Budget  
5 Committee, the Adams County Community Services Committee, and was  
6 chair of the Spirit of Aurora Board for several years; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1989, Senator Takis launched her political career  
8 with a successful race for an at-large seat on the Aurora City Council  
9 where she served until 1992; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1996, Senator Takis ran and was elected as state  
11 representative from Aurora, representing Adams County, and served until  
12 2000; and

13 WHEREAS, During her time as a state representative, Senator  
14 Takis sponsored legislation authorizing construction of the Colorado  
15 State Veterans Home at Fitzsimons, giving recognition to Teen Courts  
16 and making them eligible for grant funding, and authorizing the state to  
17 accept Fitzsimons Army Medical Center land from the Federal  
18 government; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2000, Senator Takis ran and was elected as state  
20 senator for senate district 25, representing Adams County, and served  
21 until 2008; and

22 WHEREAS, During her time as a state legislator, Senator Takis  
23 served on many committees, including the Business Affairs and Labor  
24 and Finance Committees for the House of Representatives and the  
25 Business Affairs and Labor and Appropriations Committees for the  
26 Senate; and

27 WHEREAS, Senator Takis will be remembered for her  
28 effectiveness as chair of the Transportation Committee, the  
29 Transportation Legislation Review Committee, and the Legislative Audit  
30 Committee, where she was known as a watchdog over government  
31 spending; and

32 WHEREAS, Senator Takis was a tireless supporter of her  
33 community and her continued work on senior's and veteran's issues,  
34 property management, and good governance proved her ability to work

1       successfully across the aisle; and

2               WHEREAS, Senator Takis was well respected by colleagues on  
3 both sides of the aisle and will be remembered for her hard work and  
4 accomplishments; now, therefore,

5               *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventieth General Assembly*  
6 *of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:*

7               That, in the death of Stephanie Takis, the people of the State of  
8 Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and outstanding citizen, and  
9 that we, the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives of  
10 the Seventieth General Assembly, do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt  
11 sympathy to the members of her family and pay tribute to a woman who  
12 served her state well and faithfully.

13              *Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this Joint Memorial be sent  
14 to her sister, Andrea Colness; her brother-in-law, Jerry Colness; her  
15 nephew, Andrew Colness; Mayor of Aurora, Steve Hogan; the Aurora  
16 City Council; the Aurora Colorado Women's Hall of Fame; and  
17 Congressman Ed Perlmutter.