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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 17-002

101 **MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATOR ROBERT**
102 **"BOB" MARTINEZ.**

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

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

6 WHEREAS, Senator Martinez attended Lamar Junior College,
7 then transferred to the University of Southern Colorado in Pueblo, where
8 he earned a bachelor's degree in political science; later, he earned a
9 master's degree in sociology from the University of Colorado-Boulder;
10 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, Senator Martinez served Colorado as a legislator for
2 20 years, beginning with a term in the House of Representatives in 1981;
3 and

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

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

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

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

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

20 WHEREAS, Senator Martinez is fondly remembered by his two
21 sons; three grandchildren; six siblings; brother-in-law; and many nieces,
22 nephews, cousins, extended family, and friends; now, therefore,

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

25 That, in the death of Senator Martinez, the people of the State of
26 Colorado have lost a devoted public servant and an outstanding citizen,
27 and that we, the members of the Seventy-first General Assembly, pay
28 tribute to Senator Martinez for his years of dedicated public service and
29 do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his
30 family.

31 *Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of this joint memorial be sent
32 to Senator Martinez's sons, Julian and Gerald Martinez; grandchildren,

1 Jasmin, Mariah, and Zack Martinez; siblings, Nellie Garcia, Angel Marie
2 Sanchez, Dr. Arthur D. Martinez, Benjamin Martinez, Connie Modecker,
3 and David P. Martinez; and brother-in-law, Pete Contreras.