



HOUSE RESOLUTION 19-1009

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Upon JR Rodrigue's retirement in 2004, Marilyn was selected to be the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives, in which capacity she has faithfully served for the past 15 years; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Marilyn participated on a working group that investigated the need for improved interior and exterior signage at the Capitol Building, including signs indicating services for persons with disabilities, which new signage is scheduled to be installed later this year; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, When Marilyn learned that several historic architectural elements belonging to the State Capitol Building had been unlawfully removed and sold, she sought them out and, upon locating them at a local antique store, purchased the items and returned them to their rightful home at the State Capitol Building; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Marilyn has been a friend to and greatly respected member of the American Society of Legislative Clerks and Secretaries, known as "ASLCS", for decades, during which time she has: Chaired and co-chaired multiple committees of ASLCS including the Bylaws and Standing Orders Committee, the International Communication and

Development Committee, the Program Development Committee, and the Membership and Communication Committee; served as the appointed Associate Member of the ASLCS Executive Committee; and has been recognized by ASLCS in 2015 with the Legislative Staff Achievement Award for her distinctive and exemplary leadership as the Chief Clerk of the Colorado House of Representatives; and

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

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

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

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

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

Marilyn Eddins
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

KC Becker
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES