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101 **MEMORIALIZING FORMER SENATOR AND REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES**
102 **DUKE.**

1 WHEREAS, Charles R. Duke, the former Senator and
2 Representative, departed this life on January 26, 2016, at the age of 73;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Charles Duke was born on April 27, 1942, in
5 Nashville, Arkansas; and

6 WHEREAS, Charles Duke graduated from Texarkana (Arkansas)
7 High School in 1960 and from the University of Arkansas with both
8 Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in electrical
9 engineering; 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, Charles Duke was the recipient of a National Science
2 Foundation grant and, for graduate school, a "National Defense Education
3 Act" grant; and

4 WHEREAS, Charles Duke served as president of Eta Kappa Nu,
5 the honor society of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers,
6 and was a member of Tau Beta Pi, an engineering honor society; and

7 WHEREAS, Charles Duke was a member of Mensa and Director
8 of the American Constitutional Law Foundation; and

9 WHEREAS, Charles Duke received an honorary degree from
10 Colorado Technical College; and

11 WHEREAS, Charles Duke worked as an instructor at Colorado
12 Technical College in Colorado Springs and as an electrical engineer with
13 Hewlett Packard, and he owned a small business; and

14 WHEREAS, Charles Duke was an avid skier, hiker, and computer
15 enthusiast; and

16 WHEREAS, Charles Duke brought into government the
17 preciseness of thought and diligent work habits that also served him well
18 as an electrical engineer; and

19 WHEREAS, Charles Duke served in the Colorado General
20 Assembly as a Representative of House District 20 from 1989-1994 and
21 then as a Senator for Senate District 9 from 1995-1998; and

22 WHEREAS, Charles Duke's agenda over the years in the General
23 Assembly included work on initiative/referendum petitioning, highway
24 project prioritization, medical liability limitation, high speed mass transit,
25 water legislation, taxes, technology, and medical care; and

26 WHEREAS, Charles Duke served on numerous committees in the
27 General Assembly, including: State, Veterans, and Military Affairs;
28 Health, Environment, Welfare, and Institutions; Transportation and
29 Energy (vice chair); Education; Joint State Affairs, and Joint
30 Transportation; and

31 WHEREAS, Charles Duke served on the Colorado Commission
32 on Higher Education;

1 WHEREAS, Charles Duke thoughtfully examined the legislation
2 he introduced and worked closely with the drafter and with the public
3 with whom he shared the particular concept; and

4 WHEREAS, Charles Duke brought a passel of new ideas to the
5 General Assembly and knew how to coin a phrase of impeccable common
6 sense; and

7 WHEREAS, Charles Duke was considered by many to be a leader
8 in states' powers issues; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1995, with the cooperation of the Federal Bureau
10 of Investigation, Charles Duke attempted to negotiate a peaceful
11 surrender with the Montana Freeman, and after 81 days of negotiations,
12 the Freeman peacefully surrendered to authorities on June 14, 1996; now,
13 therefore,

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

16 That, in the death of Charles Duke, the people of the State of
17 Colorado have lost a devoted public servant and an outstanding citizen,
18 and that we, the members of the Seventieth General Assembly, pay tribute
19 to Charles Duke for his years of dedicated public service and do hereby
20 extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family.

21 *Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of this Memorial be sent to his
22 son, Brian Duke, and his cousin, James Duke.