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HOUSE MEMORIAL 19-1001

101      **MEMORIALIZING FORMER SPEAKER OF THE COLORADO HOUSE OF**  
102      **REPRESENTATIVES JOHN FUHR.**

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1            WHEREAS, John Dale Fuhr, the former Speaker of the Colorado  
2            House of Representatives, departed this life on February 1, 2017, at the  
3            age of 88; and

4            WHEREAS, Representative Fuhr was born in Aledo, Illinois, on  
5            September 9, 1928; and

6            WHEREAS, After receiving his bachelor's degree in animal  
7            husbandry from Iowa State University in 1951, Representative Fuhr  
8            moved to Colorado, where he went on to earn a Doctor of Veterinary  
9            Medicine degree from Colorado State University in 1956; and

10           WHEREAS, While attending Colorado State University,  
11           Representative Fuhr met Adrian Van Matre, the loving wife to whom he  
12           was happily married for 40 years; and

13           WHEREAS, Representative Fuhr opened the Broadview Kennels  
14           and Veterinary Clinic after graduating from CSU and, over the years, had

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1 several other businesses, including the Aurora Veterinary Clinic and  
2 cattle ranches in Kiowa and Greeley; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Fuhr was always looking for ways to  
4 make his community better, and while living in Aurora he served as  
5 president of the Aurora Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and the  
6 Shrine Club and worked with the United Fund, the March of Dimes, and  
7 other charities; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1966 Representative Fuhr was elected to the first  
9 of four terms in the Colorado House of Representatives, representing  
10 Arapahoe, Douglas, and Elbert counties; and

11 WHEREAS, During his last two terms in office, Representative  
12 Fuhr served as Speaker of the House of Representatives, where he was  
13 known as a man who put the institution of the legislature ahead of  
14 partisanship; and

15 WHEREAS, Former Governor Richard Lamm praised  
16 Representative Fuhr, saying he "exemplified a time in politics when  
17 members of both parties could put aside partisanship and work together  
18 without rancor"; and

19 WHEREAS, While serving as Speaker, Representative Fuhr was  
20 also a member of the executive committee of the National Conference of  
21 State Legislatures and became vice-president of the organization in 1972;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, After leaving the House of Representatives,  
24 Representative Fuhr continued his public service, serving on the State  
25 Board of Agriculture; the governing boards of Colorado State University,  
26 Fort Lewis College, and the University of Southern Colorado; the board  
27 of the Colorado State University Alumni Foundation; the President's  
28 Advisory Council on Economic Opportunity; and many other  
29 organizations; and

30 WHEREAS, Representative Fuhr spent his last 13 years living in  
31 South Dakota, where he was surrounded by family and close friends and  
32 continued to be active in his community as a member of the Rotary Club,  
33 the Men's Coffee Club, and Countryside Church; now, therefore,

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

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

2           That, in the death of John Fuhr, the people of the State of Colorado  
3       have lost a devoted public servant and an outstanding citizen, and that we,  
4       the members of the Seventy-second General Assembly, pay tribute to  
5       John Fuhr for his years of dedicated public service and do hereby extend  
6       our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family.

7           *Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of this Memorial be sent to:  
8       His sons Kris Fuhr and his wife Lorrie of Steamboat Springs, Colorado,  
9       and Mark Fuhr and his wife Christina of Spearfish, South Dakota.