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**HOUSE MEMORIAL 16-1001**

101     **MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE DR. WILLIAM TRUETT**  
102             **MARTIN.**

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1             WHEREAS, Dr. William Truett Martin, the former Representative,  
2             departed this life on December 29, 2015, at the age of 91; and

3             WHEREAS, Dr. Martin was born on October 24, 1924, in Elbert,  
4             Texas, to Olin and Marie Martin; and

5             WHEREAS, Dr. Martin grew up in Texas and New Mexico during  
6             the Depression, often having little to eat, no money, and no indoor  
7             plumbing; and

8             WHEREAS, When he was about 10 years old, Dr. Martin lived on  
9             a ranch near Southlake, Texas, where he worked riding fence; and

10            WHEREAS, In high school, before graduating at the age of 16, Dr.  
11            Martin was a champion swimmer and diver; and

12            WHEREAS, Dr. Martin attended college for 2 years before joining  
13            the Army Air Force, where he served as a Command Pilot and a

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*Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.*  
*Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.*

1 multi-engine instrument instructor by the age of 19; and

2 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin met his wife, Maxine Almond, while he  
3 was stationed in Warrensburg, Missouri, and they married on August 26,  
4 1946; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin served in the Army Air Force until the end  
6 of World War II, after which he completed his bachelor's degree,  
7 graduating from North Texas State College with a B.S. in math and  
8 physics; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin coached high school football for a year  
10 before attending dental school at the University of Missouri in Kansas  
11 City, and then, after 4 years of dental practice, he completed his training  
12 at the University of Iowa in oral and maxillofacial surgery; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin joined a dental practice in Colorado  
14 Springs in 1959 and practiced oral surgery for 35 years, often flying to  
15 rural areas in Colorado to serve patients without access to care; and

16 WHEREAS, At various times, Dr. Martin and his partner in dental  
17 practice assisted the veterinarian at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in  
18 attending to the dental surgery needs of the zoo animals, including a root  
19 canal on an elephant's tusk, an incisor reduction on a gorilla, and an  
20 extraction on a Siberian tiger; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin had a long history of public service as a  
22 Fellow of the American College of Dentistry; President of the  
23 Midwestern Society of Oral Surgeons; President of the Rocky Mountain  
24 Society of Oral Surgery; President of the Colorado Dental Association;  
25 a member of the Hospital Affairs Committee of the American Society of  
26 Oral Surgery; President of the Colorado Springs Country Club; and team  
27 physician for the U.S. hockey team at the 1962 World Championships at  
28 the World Arena; and

29 WHEREAS, After retiring from oral surgery in 1988, Dr. Martin  
30 was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives, where he served  
31 from 1989 to 1997; and

32 WHEREAS, During his tenure in the House of Representatives,  
33 Representative Martin served as Chair of the House Finance Committee  
34 and the Capital Development Committee, helping to procure funding for

1 the expansion of the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs and  
2 Interstate 25 in Colorado Springs; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Martin also served on the Health,  
4 Education, and Welfare committee and was well known for being able to  
5 work across the aisle; and

6 WHEREAS, After his term in the House of Representatives,  
7 Governor Bill Owens appointed Representative Martin to the Board of  
8 Trustees of the State Colleges in Colorado; and

9 WHEREAS, After 54 years of marriage, Representative Martin's  
10 beloved wife, Maxine, died in 2000, and a year later he married his  
11 second wife, Loretta, with whom he enjoyed 14 years of marriage; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Martin enjoyed a loving family that  
13 included three children, two stepchildren, their spouses, 12 grandchildren,  
14 9 great-grandchildren, a sister-in-law, and 8 nieces and nephews; now,  
15 therefore,

16 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventieth*  
17 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

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

23 *Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this Memorial be sent to  
24 Representative Martin's wife, Loretta Martin, of Gilbert, Arizona, and his  
25 children: Dr. Dawne Martin of Manhattan, Kansas; Sally Martin  
26 Noffsinger of Colorado Springs, Colorado; William C. "Sam" Martin of  
27 Fort Collins, Colorado; Michael Ammons of Topeka, Kansas; and  
28 Michele Cunningham of Gilbert, Arizona.