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HOUSE MEMORIAL 16-1005

101 **MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE DIANE HOPPE.**

1 WHEREAS, Diane Hoppe, the former Representative, departed
2 this life on February 27, 2016, at the age of 68; and

3 WHEREAS, Diane Hoppe was born on December 14, 1947, in
4 Sterling, Colorado, to Dr. Thurmond and Mrs. Phyllis Rogers; and

5 WHEREAS, Diane Hoppe graduated from Sterling High School
6 in 1965 and from the University of Colorado in Boulder in 1972 with a
7 degree in microbiology; and

8 WHEREAS, After marrying, she and her husband worked on the
9 Hoppe farm and ranch near Sterling for 10 years and had two wonderful
10 sons, Dan and John; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1985, Diane Hoppe moved back to Sterling and
12 began working as the "ears" for Congressman Hank Brown in his
13 Northeastern Colorado district; and

14 WHEREAS, Diane Hoppe served as director of the Lower South

*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 Platte Water Conservancy District from 1997 to 1999; and

2 WHEREAS, In 1999, Diane Hoppe was appointed to replace
3 Representative Don Ament in House district 65 and served eight years in
4 the Colorado House of Representatives; and

5 WHEREAS, As a member of the House of Representatives,
6 Representative Hoppe's primary focus was water and agriculture and she
7 served on the Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources committee
8 during all eight of her years in the House, becoming the first woman to
9 chair that committee, which she did for four years, as well as serving as
10 the House Minority Whip in 2005; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Hoppe also served on joint and
12 statutory water committees during each interim, including the Special
13 Water Committee, the Water Resources Legislation Review Committee,
14 and the Water Resources Review Committee, serving as chair of those
15 committees five times; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2001, Representative Hoppe, recognizing the need
17 to monitor Colorado's water resources on a continual and annual basis,
18 sponsored the bill that created the Water Resources Legislation Review
19 Committee, which became the Water Resources Review Committee in
20 2002; and

21 WHEREAS, Representative Hoppe sponsored numerous
22 water-related bills, and her leadership helped to develop substitute water
23 supply plans and add the Commissioner of Agriculture as a member of
24 the Colorado Water Conservation Board; and

25 WHEREAS, Representative Hoppe was a founding member of the
26 Colorado Foundation for Water Education and served as its president
27 from 2002 to 2007; and

28 WHEREAS, After her final term in the House of Representatives
29 ended in 2006, Representative Hoppe went on to serve on the South Platte
30 Basin Roundtable and on the Colorado Water Conservation Board from
31 2012 to 2016, serving as chair from 2015-2016; and

32 WHEREAS, As a respected water leader, Representative Hoppe
33 received numerous awards, including the Colorado Water Congress
34 Wayne N. Aspinall Award for Outstanding Water Leader of the Year,

1 which is given not for a single achievement in a person's life, but for a
2 career of service and contribution to the water community; and

3 WHEREAS, Representative Hoppe also received the 2012
4 President's award from the Colorado Foundation for Water Education, the
5 Colorado Farm Bureau Service to Agriculture award, the Colorado
6 Cattlemen Association Honorary Life Member award, and the Colorado
7 Water Congress Honorary Life Member award and was named a "Top
8 Ten Legislator" by the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry;
9 now, therefore,

10 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventieth*
11 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

12 That, in the death of Diane Hoppe, the people of the State of
13 Colorado have lost a devoted public servant and an outstanding citizen,
14 and that we, the members of the Seventieth General Assembly, pay tribute
15 to Diane Hoppe for her years of dedicated public service and do hereby
16 extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of her family.

17 *Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of the Memorial be sent to her
18 sons Dan Hoppe and John Hoppe, both of Broomfield, and to her brother
19 John Rogers of Pocatello, Idaho.