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HOUSE MEMORIAL 16-1006

101 CONCERNING MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE PAUL N.
102 BROWN.

1 WHEREAS, Former Representative Paul N. Brown departed this
2 life on March 23, 2016, at the age of 73; and

3 WHEREAS, A graduate of Palisade High School and the
4 University of Colorado at Boulder Leeds School of Business,
5 Representative Brown enlisted as a member of the United States Air
6 Force and served his country during the Vietnam War; and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Brown first became involved in
8 politics in 1970, when he joined the Vietnam Veterans Against the War,
9 and served as an alternate delegate to the Democratic National
10 Convention in Miami in support of George McGovern; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1974, he made the decision to run against the
12 then-mayor of Grand Junction for a seat in the Colorado House of
13 Representatives and, despite the district being traditionally held by a
14 Republican, won office by a margin of more than fourteen percent; 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.

HOUSE
Final Reading
April 18, 2016

1 WHEREAS, Representative Brown served two full terms in the
2 House of Representatives, from 1975 to 1978, but declined to seek a third
3 term, instead preferring to return to the Western Slope to be with his wife,
4 Sue, and their young daughter, Natalie; and

5 WHEREAS, In his time in the General Assembly, Representative
6 Brown served on the Education, Judiciary, and Transportation & Energy
7 Committees, in addition to a half-dozen interim committees; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1979, Representative Brown left Colorado for
9 Washington, D.C., where he served as Chief of Staff for Congressman
10 Ray Kogovsek; the two had been roommates and close friends during
11 their years in the Colorado legislature; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Brown's public service continued in
13 roles with the State of Colorado Division of Property Taxation and as a
14 Community Impact Coordinator for Battlement Mesa and the Colony
15 Shale Oil Project; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2006, Representative Brown mounted an
17 unsuccessful campaign for Mesa County assessor and, despite the loss at
18 the polls, befriended his opponent, Barbara Brewer; with Brewer's
19 recommendation and endorsement, Brown applied to become a Mesa
20 County trustee and in 2007 was appointed to the position by Governor
21 Bill Ritter and reappointed in 2011 by Governor John Hickenlooper; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Brown worked tirelessly in assisting
23 others with their campaigns for public office, and he served proudly on
24 the executive committee of the Mesa County Democrats, never missing
25 a Jefferson-Jackson Dinner; in the words of his close friend, Laird
26 Milburn, Brown was "the consummate Democrat"; and

27 WHEREAS, In his life outside of politics, Representative Brown
28 was a lover of the outdoors, boating and camping as often as he was able;
29 he was an active member of the Grand Valley Combined Honor Guard
30 and a vital member of his community, serving as Chairman of Friends of
31 the Depot, a nonprofit group dedicated to the restoration and preservation
32 of the historic Grand Junction Railroad Depot; and

33 WHEREAS, Representative Brown is survived by his loving wife
34 and daughter, three grandsons, a great-grandson, his sister, and his three
35 brothers, as well as countless friends and colleagues who remember him

1 only fondly; now, therefore,

2 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventieth*
3 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

4 That, in the death of Representative Paul N. Brown, the people of
5 the State of Colorado have lost a devoted public servant and an
6 outstanding citizen, and that we, the members of the Seventieth General
7 Assembly, pay tribute to Representative Paul N. Brown for his years of
8 dedicated public service and do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt
9 sympathy to the members of his family.

10 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Memorial be sent to
11 Representative Brown's wife, Sue; his daughter, Natalie von Loewenfeldt;
12 his grandsons, Christopher, Joshua, and Timothy, and great-grandson,
13 Alexander; his sister, Barbara; his brothers, Doug, Johnnie, and Daniel;
14 his cousins, Dennis and Gary Shaver; and his friend, Laird Milburn.