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House Committees

HOUSE RESOLUTION 16-1003

101 CONCERNING THE APPROVAL BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF
102 THE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENT OF APRIL JONES TO THE
103 INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION.

1 WHEREAS, Section 5 (2) (a) (II) of article XXIX of the state
2 constitution provides that one member of the Independent Ethics
3 Commission created in section 5 (1) of that article, hereafter referred to
4 as the "Commission", shall be appointed by the House of Representatives,
5 and section 24-18.5-101 (2) (a), Colorado Revised Statutes, provides that
6 said appointment shall be made by the Speaker of the House of
7 Representatives with the approval of two-thirds of the members elected
8 to the House; and

9 WHEREAS, Pursuant to such authority, Speaker Hullinghorst has
10 appointed April Jones to serve as the House appointee to the
11 Commission; and

12 WHEREAS, Section 5 (2) (f) of article XXIX of the state
13 constitution provides that a member of the Commission shall continue to
14 serve until a successor has been appointed; 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, Pursuant to this provision, Rosemary Marshall,
2 whose term concluded on June 30, 2015, continues to serve on the
3 Commission as the appointee of the House of Representatives until her
4 successor is appointed; and

5 WHEREAS, The Speaker of the House of Representatives has
6 selected April Jones to succeed Commissioner Marshall due to Ms. Jones'
7 outstanding qualifications as an individual with integrity and the highest
8 ethical standards; and

9 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones, designated as an unaffiliated elector, is a
10 licensed attorney in Colorado, whose Greenwood Village practice is
11 limited to family law; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has been recognized in the legal field and
13 in the Denver business community as a committed and dedicated family
14 law litigator; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones is an active member of the legal and
16 non-legal communities, having been appointed by Colorado Governor
17 Bill Ritter to a six-year term as a Nomination Commissioner for the
18 nomination of Justices to the Colorado Supreme Court and Judges to the
19 Colorado Court of Appeals; and

20 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones was also appointed by Colorado Governor
21 Bill Owens to serve on the State Board of Marriage and Family
22 Therapists, where she served a second term as the Vice Chairman of the
23 Board; and

24 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones is a member of the Board of Directors for
25 the Kempe Foundation, an organization dedicated to preventing child
26 abuse and neglect and treating victims of abuse and neglect; and

27 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones also serves as the current Vice President
28 and former President of the Sam Cary Bar Association, a professional
29 organization founded over 45 years ago to instill professionalism and
30 serve as a vehicle for the exchange of ideas among African-American
31 lawyers; and

32 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has served as a member of the Board of
33 Directors of Colorado Legal Services, an entity that includes the Colorado
34 Legal Aid Foundation and the Metro Volunteer Lawyers program, and

1 one that is dedicated to providing legal information to low-income
2 individuals facing civil legal matters; and

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones is also a founding member of the Board of
4 Directors of the American Transplant Foundation, a nonprofit
5 organization dedicated to creating donor awareness and increasing organ
6 donations in Colorado and nationwide; and

7 WHEREAS, Ms. Jones has dedicated herself to many other
8 laudable endeavors, including having served as the Diversity Chairperson
9 for the Arapahoe County Bar Association for two terms, a past executive
10 board member of the Colorado Women's Bar Association, and a past
11 member of the Inns of Court, a society dedicated to protecting and
12 promoting the integrity and quality of the legal profession; and

13 WHEREAS, On the basis of her dedicated service to the legal and
14 non-legal communities of Colorado, as well as her legal knowledge,
15 experience, and integrity, April Jones has demonstrated the qualifications
16 that will allow her to serve as a respected member of the Commission in
17 an exemplary manner and in a way that will reflect well upon the House
18 of Representatives, the Colorado General Assembly, and the State of
19 Colorado; now, therefore,

20 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventieth*
21 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

22 That the House of Representatives hereby approves Speaker
23 Hullinghorst's appointment of April Jones to the Independent Ethics
24 Commission for a term commencing upon the date of the approval of this
25 House Resolution by the House of Representatives and ending June 30,
26 2019.

27 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this House Resolution be
28 sent to the Chair of the Independent Ethics Commission, William Leone.