



HOUSE MEMORIAL 20-1001

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MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE WAYNE KNOX.

WHEREAS, Our respected former colleague, Wayne Knox, the longest serving member of the House of Representatives, departed this life on July 21, 2019, at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, Representative Knox was a Denver native, and he served in the United States Army after high school before attending the University of Denver and the University of Colorado; and

WHEREAS, For 33 years, Representative Knox taught high school social studies in Commerce City; and

WHEREAS, Representative Knox was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives 16 times and served for 32 years, making him the longest serving state representative in Colorado history; and

WHEREAS, During his time in the State House, Representative Knox served on a number of committees, including the Education, Finance, State Affairs, and Judiciary Committees, and he served as Chair of the Education Committee and Finance Committee at points during his tenure; and

WHEREAS, Representative Knox may be most remembered under the gold dome for his work in passing the GAVEL (Give A Vote to Every Legislator) Amendment; and

WHEREAS, Passed in 1988, GAVEL prohibits pocket vetoes of bills by committee chairs and requires each bill brought before the House of Representatives or the Senate to have a hearing and a vote; and

WHEREAS, After Representative Knox retired from the legislature in 1996, he spent time serving with various political and nonprofit organizations, including the Colorado League of Women Voters and the Colorado Senior Lobby; and

WHEREAS, Fellow politicians remember Representative Knox as a hardworking and conscientious public servant, and for being very dedicated and sincere; and

WHEREAS, Representative Knox loved Colorado and enjoyed taking his two daughters for trips to the mountains, and he was a fan of folk music, including Peter, Paul, and Mary, and he was a caring father and grandfather; and

WHEREAS, Representative Knox was a devoted public servant who was well respected by colleagues on both sides of the aisle and will be remembered for his hard work, dedication, and accomplishments; now, therefore,

*Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

That, in the death of Wayne Knox, the people of the State of Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and outstanding citizen, and that we, the members of the Colorado House of Representatives, do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and pay tribute to a man who served his state well and faithfully.

*Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Memorial be sent to his daughters, Laura Vossel and Elizabeth Knox, and his grandson, Josh Vossel.

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