

**Second Regular Session
Seventy-second General Assembly
STATE OF COLORADO**

INTRODUCED

LLS NO. M20-0950.01 Faith Marcovecchio x4331

HM20-1003

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

Sirota,

House Committees

HOUSE MEMORIAL 20-1003

101 **MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE BETTY NEALE.**

1 WHEREAS, Our respected former colleague Betty Neale, a past
2 member of the Colorado House of Representatives, departed this life on
3 October 12, 2018, at the age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Neale was born in Hiawatha, Kansas,
5 on May 20, 1927; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Neale lived in Denver for 60 years,
7 from 1958 until the time of her passing; and

8 WHEREAS, Representative Neale served with distinction as a
9 member of the House of Representatives, representing Denver and
10 Arapahoe Counties from 1975 until 1992; and

11 WHEREAS, As a member of the House of Representatives, she
12 served on many standing committees: Game, Fish, and Parks; Local
13 Government; Transportation and Energy; Appropriations; Finance;
14 Health, Environment, Welfare, and Institutions; Business Affairs and
15 Labor; and Legal Services; and

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 WHEREAS, Representative Neale was a House member on Joint
2 Legislative Committees, including Joint Budget, Legislative Audit, and
3 Capital Development; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Neale sponsored or was involved with
5 major legislation concerning workers' compensation; the Public
6 Employees' Retirement Association; establishment of the Martin Luther
7 King, Jr. holiday; and issues affecting children, families, and the disabled
8 community; and

9 WHEREAS, At the request of Governor Roy Romer, she
10 participated in trade missions to Germany and Taiwan to support
11 Colorado businesses; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Neale broke the glass ceiling as the
13 first woman Speaker Pro Tempore in 1991 and the first woman chair of
14 the Business Affairs and Labor Committee in 1987. When she chaired the
15 Business Affairs and Labor Committee, five freshmen male legislators
16 were assigned to the committee, which was then referred to as "Betty and
17 the boys"; and

18 WHEREAS, Both prior to and after service as a representative, she
19 served the people of Denver: In the Office of the Auditor prior to her
20 legislative service and as a political appointee in the Office of Mayor
21 Wellington Webb after her legislative service; and

22 WHEREAS, Representative Neale will be remembered for her
23 kindness, particularly to new legislators, whom she took time to mentor
24 in order to ensure that the traditions and rules of the body were continued
25 and respected; and

26 WHEREAS, Representative Neale was known for her intellect and
27 her dedication to doing the best job for her district's residents, as well as
28 for all residents of Colorado, regardless of party; and

29 WHEREAS, Representative Neale will be remembered as a
30 legislator with an enduring commitment to public service, for her
31 recognition of the importance of the role of the legislature historically and
32 in the future, and for her integrity in respecting and protecting that role;
33 now, therefore,

34 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*

1 *Seventy-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 That in the death of Betty Neale, the people of the State of
3 Colorado have lost a devoted public servant and an outstanding citizen,
4 and that we, the members of the House of Representatives of the
5 Seventy-second General Assembly, pay tribute to Betty Neale for her
6 years of dedicated public service and do hereby extend our deep and
7 heartfelt sympathy to the members of her family.

8 *Be It Further Resolved,* That a copy of this Memorial be sent to
9 Betty Neale's sons, Scott P. Neale and Steven M. Neale.