



### HOUSE MEMORIAL 20-1003

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### MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE BETTY NEALE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Representative Neale will be remembered as a legislator with an enduring commitment to public service, for her recognition of the importance of the role of the legislature historically and in the future, and for her integrity in respecting and protecting that role; 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 Betty Neale, the people of the State of Colorado have lost a devoted public servant and an outstanding citizen, and that we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Seventy-second General Assembly, pay tribute to Betty Neale for her years of dedicated public service and do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of her family.

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

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Robin Jones  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE  
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