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HOUSE MEMORIAL 22-1002

101 **MEMORIALIZING REPRESENTATIVE KIMMI J. LEWIS.**

1 WHEREAS, Our respected colleague, Kimmi J. Lewis, a member
2 of the Colorado General Assembly, departed this life on December 6,
3 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Lewis was born on March 19, 1957,
5 in La Junta, Colorado, to Kenneth and Jewell Clark; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Lewis was raised on her family's
7 cattle ranch halfway between Kim and La Junta, Colorado, where she and
8 her three older sisters worked as ranch hands; and

9 WHEREAS, While attending Kim High School, Representative
10 Lewis started her first cow herd, was the Most Valuable Basketball Player
11 in the women's "A" division, and was the Colorado Hereford Queen; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Lewis attended Trinidad State Junior
13 College on a basketball scholarship where she majored in music; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1975, Representative Lewis married George David

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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 "Dave" Lewis, her high school sweetheart, and in 1977, after her
2 graduation from college, they moved to Branson, Colorado, and had six
3 children; and

4 WHEREAS, In 1992, Representative Lewis and her husband
5 purchased her family's ranch and operated it along with a cattle and feed
6 hauling business; and

7 WHEREAS, After her husband Dave's death in 2000,
8 Representative Lewis ran both businesses and raised her children, sending
9 all six of them to college on academic and athletic scholarships; and

10 WHEREAS, Representative Lewis was an active member of the
11 Las Animas Republican party and for 30 years served as the President of
12 the Trinidad/Las Animas County Republican Women's Club and for many
13 years served as the Chair for Senate District 2; and

14 WHEREAS, In 2016, Representative Lewis ran for and was
15 elected to the State House of Representatives where she served as the
16 Representative for House District 64, and was reelected to a second term
17 in 2018; and

18 WHEREAS, While serving as a State Representative,
19 Representative Lewis served on several committees, including
20 Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources; Public Health Care and
21 Human Services; Transportation and Energy; Rural Affairs and
22 Agriculture; and Transportation and Local Government, and sponsored
23 bills on beef country-of-origin and private property rights issues; and

24 WHEREAS, Representative Lewis battled breast cancer three
25 times: In 2014, during the 2018 legislative session, and finally throughout
26 2019; and

27 WHEREAS, Representative Lewis is survived by her six children
28 and fourteen grandchildren; and

29 WHEREAS, Representative Lewis was a devoted public servant
30 who will be remembered for her hard work, dedication, and
31 accomplishments; now, therefore,

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

1 That, in the death of Kimmi J. Lewis, the people of the State of
2 Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and outstanding citizen, and
3 that we, the members of the Colorado House of Representatives, do
4 hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of her
5 family and pay tribute to a woman who served her state well and
6 faithfully.

7 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Memorial be sent to
8 Kelly Wasson, Keith Lewis, Kenneth Lewis, Kerry Froese, Kristine
9 Lewis, and Korry Lewis.