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MEMORIALIZING REPRESENTATIVE KIMMI J. LEWIS.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, In 1975, Representative Lewis married George David "Dave" Lewis, her high school sweetheart, and in 1977, after her

graduation from college, they moved to Branson, Colorado, and had six children; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-third

General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

That, in the death of Kimmi J. Lewis, 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 her family and pay tribute to a woman who served her state well and faithfully.

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

Robin Jones
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
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