



## HOUSE MEMORIAL 23-1003

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### MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE JIM SNOOK.

WHEREAS, Our respected former colleague, James Irvin Snook, a past member of the Colorado General Assembly, departed this life on January 31, 2023, at the age of 83; and

WHEREAS, Representative Snook was born on November 14, 1939, on a 40-acre farm near Fruita, Colorado, to John and Elizabeth Snook and spent the first four years of his life there before his family moved to the town of Fruita; and

WHEREAS, Representative Snook earned a bachelor's degree in Vocational Agriculture from Colorado State University and earned a master's degree in Counseling from the University of Northern Colorado; and

WHEREAS, In 1990, Representative Snook married his wife Carolyn, who he was married to for 33 years until his passing; and

WHEREAS, Representative Snook developed a love for agriculture and livestock at a young age when he began herding sheep in the mountains northwest of Fruita, and pursued this passion later on by serving as a horse show judge for 4-H, an assistant Colorado State Fair Horse Show Director, and the Private Treaty Bull Sales Manager for the

National Western Stock Show; and

WHEREAS, Before serving in the General Assembly, Representative Snook worked as an educator, school administrator, vocational and rehabilitation counselor, and insurance agent; and

WHEREAS, In 2000, Representative Snook ran for and was elected to the State House of Representatives where he served as the State Representative for District 60 from 2001 to 2002; and

WHEREAS, While in the House of Representatives, Representative Snook served on the Agriculture, Livestock and Natural Resources Committee and Civil Justice and Judiciary Committee, and served as the Chair of the Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension Reform Commission; and

WHEREAS, Representative Snook sponsored legislation that addressed agriculture, wildlife, and water issues important to the San Luis Valley, including black bear hunting management and continuation of the San Luis Confined Aquifer; and

WHEREAS, After his time in the legislature, Representative Snook worked as a lobbyist for Colorado Association of Homebuilders and Xcel Energy; and

WHEREAS, Representative Snook is survived by his wife Carolyn, his children J.J., Joel, Eric, David, and Deanna, 24 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many friends and former colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Representative Snook was a devoted public servant who will be remembered for his hard work, dedication, accomplishments, and service to the San Luis Valley and the State of Colorado; now, therefore,

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

That, in the death of Jim Snook, 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 Jim Snook's wife, Carolyn Snook.

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Robin Jones  
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Julie McCluskie  
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES