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**SENATE MEMORIAL 23-001**

101     **MEMORIALIZING FORMER SENATOR DON SANDOVAL.**

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1           WHEREAS, Our respected former colleague, Donald A. "Don"  
2 Sandoval, a past member of the Colorado Senate, departed this life on  
3 April 7, 2019; and

4           WHEREAS, Honorable Sandoval was born on January 30, 1935,  
5 in Denver, Colorado, to Mary Hope Sandoval and Jake Sandoval; and

6           WHEREAS, Honorable Sandoval learned the value of hard work  
7 by selling fruits and vegetables, delivering newspapers, and shining shoes  
8 beginning at age 10 and was no stranger to childhood adversity including  
9 homelessness; and

10           WHEREAS, Honorable Sandoval attended Annunciation High  
11 School and Regis College before serving in the United States Army for  
12 the final years of World War II and the early years of the Vietnam War;  
13 and

14           WHEREAS, Upon returning home from military service,  
15 Honorable Sandoval settled in Colorado with his wife, Virginia, together

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1 raising four children and engaging actively in their community; and

2 WHEREAS, Initially elected in 1977 to represent Senate District  
3 4 and elected once more in 1984 to represent Senate District 31,  
4 Honorable Sandoval served as Senator for a total of 16 years; and

5 WHEREAS, During his time in the state Senate, Honorable  
6 Sandoval served on several committees, including State Affairs,  
7 Transportation, Local Government, Business Affairs & Labor,  
8 Appropriations, Finance, Senate Services, Legislative Council, and the  
9 Police Officers' & Firefighters' Pension Reform Commission; and

10 WHEREAS, Honorable Sandoval also served as the Senate  
11 Minority Caucus Leader from 1979 through 1980; and

12 WHEREAS, Among his many achievements, Honorable Sandoval  
13 is noted for introducing and sponsoring legislation that made Colorado  
14 one of the first states to enact laws reserving parking spots for and  
15 requiring buildings to be accessible to persons with disabilities; and

16 WHEREAS, Honorable Sandoval also directed his efforts towards  
17 obtaining major funding for state schools, pushing juvenile protection  
18 laws, and sponsoring legislation to bring Major League Baseball and the  
19 Rockies franchise to Colorado; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1991, Honorable Sandoval was invited to join  
21 Mayor Wellington Webb's administration, and did so, serving in the  
22 Office of International Trade and Economic Development in an effort to  
23 strengthen business ties between Denver and Mexico; and

24 WHEREAS, Honorable Sandoval was a Denver-based business  
25 proprietor of a television repair shop, the Bull Ring Restaurant and  
26 Lounge, and the Rock Tower who was known and loved by people  
27 everywhere he went; and

28 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Honorable Sandoval championed  
29 numerous community causes to better the lives of small business owners,  
30 veterans, union members, children, and families; and

31 WHEREAS, Honorable Sandoval was a committed father,  
32 husband, and grandfather, a devout Catholic, and a friend to many; and

1           WHEREAS, It is fitting that we remember and honor a man of  
2 such integrity and compassion and who lived a life in service of others;  
3 now, therefore,

4           *Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fourth General*  
5 *Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

6           That, in the death of Don Sandoval, the people of the state of  
7 Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and upstanding citizen, and  
8 that we, the members of the Colorado Senate, do hereby extend our deep  
9 and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and pay tribute to a  
10 man who served his state well and faithfully.

11           *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Memorial be sent to his  
12 wife Ruth Virginia Sandoval and his children Teresa Sandoval, Diana  
13 Garcia, Ernest Sandoval, and Mathew Sandoval.