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SENATE MEMORIAL 24-003

101 **MEMORIALIZING FORMER SENATOR JIM DYER.**

1 WHEREAS, Jim Dyer, the former Senator, departed this life on
2 January 1, 2024, at the age of 76; and

3 WHEREAS, Frederick James Dyer, known to everyone as Jim,
4 was born on November 28, 1947, in Newport News, Virginia, to Colonel
5 Frederick W. Dyer and Dorothy Ann Cain Dyer; and

6 WHEREAS, Because his father was a colonel in the United States
7 Air Force, Senator Dyer had the unique experience of growing up in
8 many places around the world, including the United States, Germany, and
9 France; and

10 WHEREAS, As a boy, Senator Dyer joined the Boy Scouts with
11 his father and eventually earned the highest rank of Eagle Scout; he
12 always held that experience dear and eventually became a Scout leader;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Dyer began playing the guitar at the age of
15 11, which became a lifelong joy, allowing him to participate in rhythm

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1 and blues bands in his youth and to play locally for many years at
2 Swallow Hill in Denver; he loved folk music and bluegrass and could be
3 found "pickin' and grinnin'" in his living room almost every day; and

4 WHEREAS, Senator Dyer had a love of history and had a well
5 curated library of historical nonfiction; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Dyer had a special love of the outdoors; he
7 loved "Jeeping" in the Colorado Rocky Mountains and in Moab, driving
8 his side-by-side vehicle in and near Fillmore, Utah; was an avid bird
9 watcher; and liked to simply comment on how beautiful the moon was
10 when there was a clear sky; and

11 WHEREAS, He loved going to the summer Shakespeare festival
12 in Cedar City, Utah; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Dyer served in the United States Air Force
14 from 1966 to 1970; and

15 WHEREAS, He valued his education and held both a Bachelor of
16 Arts degree and a Master of Arts degree in history from the University of
17 Denver; and

18 WHEREAS, Senator Dyer taught American history at Arapahoe
19 Community College in Littleton, Colorado; and

20 WHEREAS, For many years, Senator Dyer was involved in local,
21 state, and national politics, and after working on many campaigns, his
22 proudest moment was being elected in 2000 and 2004 to represent state
23 Senate District 26, serving Arapahoe County; and

24 WHEREAS, Senator Dyer served as the chair of the Judiciary
25 committee for two years, and he served on the Health, Environment,
26 Welfare, and Institutions; Appropriations; Health, Environment, Children,
27 and Families; Welfare Oversight; Legal Services; and Water Resources
28 Review committees during his tenure; and

29 WHEREAS, In 2001 and 2002, Senator Dyer served on the
30 Criminal Sentencing Statutes interim committee and sponsored several
31 bills in 2003 and 2004 updating substantive and procedural criminal laws
32 and laws protecting minors; and

1 WHEREAS, While in office, Senator Dyer was heavily involved
2 in drafting and passing two Second Amendment bills focused on issuing
3 concealed carry permits and preempting local government firearm laws
4 that are more restrictive than state firearm laws; and

5 WHEREAS, In 2006, Senator Dyer was elected to serve on the
6 Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners and left the Senate;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, As a county commissioner, Senator Dyer sat on many
9 boards, including the board of directors of the Arapahoe County Water
10 and Wastewater Authority, and he chaired the Centennial Airport Board
11 of Directors; and

12 WHEREAS, In 2006, Senator Dyer was baptized into the Church
13 of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and served a year in the Denver
14 Temple from 2011 to 2012; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Dyer married his wife, Donna Marie Duke,
16 on October 5, 2007, in the Denver Temple; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Dyer retired from the Arapahoe County
18 Board of County Commissioners in 2011, and in 2012, he and Donna
19 moved to Fillmore, Utah, where they built a beautiful home together that
20 they regularly shared with their family and friends; and

21 WHEREAS, Senator Dyer leaves a legacy as a loving husband and
22 father with a lifelong passion for learning and a strong, unwavering
23 testimony of his savior, Jesus Christ; now, therefore,

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

26 That, in the death of Jim Dyer, the people of the State of Colorado
27 have lost a devoted public servant and an outstanding citizen, and that we,
28 the members of the Senate of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly, pay
29 tribute to Jim Dyer for years of dedicated public service and do hereby
30 extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of the family.

31 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Memorial be sent to
32 Senator Dyer's wife, Donna Dyer; his daughters, Annette Vanvleet and
33 her spouse Jack, Wendy Jo Frost and her spouse Chris, and Megan

- 1 Macaluso and her spouse Joey; his stepchildren, Brook Bartlett, Codee
- 2 Bolinder and her spouse Jason, and Jimmy Kemp and his spouse Kresta;
- 3 and his sisters, Annette Dobias and Kathleen Riley and her spouse Bruce.