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HOUSE MEMORIAL 26-1001

101 **MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE DAN WILLIAMS.**

1 WHEREAS, Daniel ("Dan") Earl Williams, the former
2 representative, departed this life on October 23, 2025, at the age of 78;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Representative Williams was born on April 15, 1947,
5 in Denver, Colorado, to Dale and Margaret Williams; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Williams began his education in
7 Colorado's Eagle Valley, attended the University of Northern Colorado
8 for a brief period, and later attended the John F. Kennedy School of
9 Government, Harvard University, in 1988 to refine his political instincts;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Williams began his career in
12 agriculture as a partner with his father on the Williams Ranch in Edwards,
13 Colorado, later purchasing the ranch from his father and operating it as
14 a successful cattle and sheep operation; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Williams was the father of two

1 children, Jeff and Dana, who were raised on the family's ranch; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Williams was a member of the Eagle
3 County Wool Growers Association, the Colorado Wool Growers
4 Association, the Colorado Cattlemen's Association, and the Colorado
5 Farm Bureau; and

6 WHEREAS, Not only was Representative Williams a good
7 steward of the land and the animals he raised, he was a man of incredible
8 integrity and demonstrated a keen knowledge of issues impacting
9 Colorado ranchers and business owners. He believed in a life of public
10 service and valued his family. Many called him a dear friend and
11 confidant; and

12 WHEREAS, Representative Williams was elected as Eagle County
13 Commissioner in 1976 and served two four-year terms; and

14 WHEREAS, Representative Williams was elected to the Colorado
15 House of Representatives in 1984 and served four two-year terms
16 representing House District 56, including Routt, Moffat, Eagle, Jackson,
17 and Grand counties; and

18 WHEREAS, As a member of the Colorado House of
19 Representatives, Representative Williams served as chair of the House
20 Transportation and Energy Committee; chair of the House Agriculture,
21 Livestock, and Natural Resources Committee; vice chair of the House
22 State Affairs Committee; chair of the Interim Legislative Committee on
23 Water Quality and Water Resources; and chair of the Highway
24 Legislative Review Committee; and

25 WHEREAS, Representative Williams was also appointed to the
26 State Board of Equalization and served on the Colorado Governor's AIDS
27 Council; and

28 WHEREAS, During his time in the legislature, Representative
29 Williams supported the interests of many western slope communities,
30 championing water and land use rights; oil and gas interests; and
31 transportation issues; and

32 WHEREAS, Representative Williams was a member of the
33 Roundup Riders of the Rockies and named 1985 Colt of the Year. The
34 Town of Avon honored Representative Williams as a "Citizen of the

1 Valley" with a bronze portrait, he served as a trustee on the board of the
2 National Western Stock Show Association, and, in 2019, he was inducted
3 into the Colorado FFA Agricultural Hall of Fame; and

4 WHEREAS, After leaving the legislature, Representative Williams
5 applied his political and legislative experience as a partner in a
6 government relations consulting business from 1993 to 2019 with Stan
7 Sours, Laura Locke, and his partner, Bob Simpson, representing the
8 Colorado Cattlemen's Association, Colorado Wool Growers Association,
9 Colorado Beer Distributors Association, Colorado Farm Credit, Colorado
10 River Water Conservation District, Williams Energy Pipeline Midstream,
11 Mile High Racing and Entertainment, and many other clients along the
12 way; and

13 WHEREAS, Representative Williams, whether as an elected
14 official or lobbyist, was known by his colleagues and friends as a fierce
15 advocate for Colorado's agriculture industry; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Williams was known to be fair and
17 honest. He knew when to compromise and was recognized as an effective
18 legislator and lobbyist by his constituents, clients, and colleagues; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Williams was a mentor to a number
20 of individuals who have made their careers in politics, instilling in them
21 the need to work honestly, maintain integrity, and always respect the
22 institution of the General Assembly and the legislative process; and

23 WHEREAS, At the time of his death, Representative Williams was
24 living in Scottsdale, Arizona, enjoying a well-deserved retirement and his
25 passions for travel and music; and

26 WHEREAS, Representative Williams is survived by his partner,
27 Bob Simpson; his two children, Jeff Williams and Dana Williams; his
28 sister, Donna Parker; and his cousin, Sue Tolvo; now, therefore,

29 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-fifth*
30 *General Assembly of the State of Colorado,*

31 That, in the death of Representative Dan Williams, the people of
32 the State of Colorado have lost a devoted public servant and an
33 outstanding citizen, and that we, the members of the Seventy-fifth
34 General Assembly, pay tribute to Dan Williams for years of dedicated

1 public service and extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members
2 of the family.

3 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Memorial be sent to
4 Bob Simpson, Jeff Williams, and Dana Williams.