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**HOUSE MEMORIAL 22-1001**

101 **MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE JOE NUÑEZ.**

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1           WHEREAS, Our respected former colleague, Joe Nuñez, a past  
2 member of the Colorado General Assembly, departed this life on  
3 November 16, 2020; and

4           WHEREAS, Representative Nuñez was born April 5, 1937, in  
5 Greeley, Colorado, to Manuela Nuñez and Concepción Lopez; and

6           WHEREAS, Representative Nuñez was a Vietnam veteran who  
7 served our nation in the United States Air Force and retired at the rank of  
8 Lieutenant Colonel from his last duty assignment at F. E. Warren Air  
9 Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyoming; and

10           WHEREAS, Representative Nuñez received the Bronze Star, the  
11 Meritorious Service Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Republic of  
12 Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross  
13 with palm; and

14           WHEREAS, In 1998, Representative Nuñez ran for and was  
15 elected to the Colorado House of Representatives for House District 64

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1 and in 2000 he ran again and was reelected; and

2 WHEREAS, During his three years serving as a member of the  
3 House of Representatives, Representative Nuñez served on the  
4 Transportation and Energy, Appropriations, and Education Committees  
5 and as Vice-chair for the State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee;  
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Representative Nuñez also served as the  
8 representative for Secretary of the United States Department of Labor for  
9 the Rocky Mountain Region and as the Regional Director for the United  
10 States Department of Health and Human Services; and

11 WHEREAS, Representative Nuñez was preceded in death by his  
12 wife of 59 years, Lilly Yanas Nuñez, on November 10, 2020, and is  
13 survived by his four children John Michael Nuñez, Daniel Nuñez, Teresa  
14 Curtis, and Lili Nuñez Mueh, ten grandchildren, and three  
15 great-grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Nuñez was a devoted public servant  
17 who will be remembered for his hard work, dedication, service, and  
18 accomplishments; now, therefore,

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

21 That, in the death of Joe Nuñez, the people of the state of Colorado  
22 have lost a dedicated public servant and outstanding citizen, and that we,  
23 the members of the Colorado House of Representatives, do hereby extend  
24 our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and pay  
25 tribute to a man who served his state well and faithfully.

26 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Memorial be sent to  
27 John Michael Nuñez, Daniel Nuñez, Teresa Curtis, Lili Nuñez Mueh, and  
28 the Douglas County Republican Party.