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MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE DR. WILLIAM TRUETT MARTIN.

WHEREAS, Dr. William Truett Martin, the former Representative, departed this life on December 29, 2015, at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin was born on October 24, 1924, in Elbert, Texas, to Olin and Marie Martin; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin grew up in Texas and New Mexico during the Depression, often having little to eat, no money, and no indoor plumbing; and

WHEREAS, When he was about 10 years old, Dr. Martin lived on a ranch near Southlake, Texas, where he worked riding fence; and

WHEREAS, In high school, before graduating at the age of 16, Dr. Martin was a champion swimmer and diver; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin attended college for 2 years before joining the Army Air Force, where he served as a Command Pilot and a multi-engine instrument instructor by the age of 19; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin met his wife, Maxine Almond, while he was stationed in Warrensburg, Missouri, and they married on August 26, 1946; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin served in the Army Air Force until the end of World War II, after which he completed his bachelor's degree, graduating from North Texas State College with a B.S. in math and physics; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin coached high school football for a year before attending dental school at the University of Missouri in Kansas City, and then, after 4 years of dental practice, he completed his training at the University of Iowa in oral and maxillofacial surgery; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin joined a dental practice in Colorado Springs in 1959 and practiced oral surgery for 35 years, often flying to rural areas in Colorado to serve patients without access to care; and

WHEREAS, At various times, Dr. Martin and his partner in dental practice assisted the veterinarian at the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo in attending to the dental surgery needs of the zoo animals, including a root canal on an elephant's tusk, an incisor reduction on a gorilla, and an extraction on a Siberian tiger; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Martin had a long history of public service as a Fellow of the American College of Dentistry; President of the Midwestern Society of Oral Surgeons; President of the Rocky Mountain Society of Oral Surgery; President of the Colorado Dental Association; a member of the Hospital Affairs Committee of the American Society of Oral Surgery; President of the Colorado Springs Country Club; and team physician for the U.S. hockey team at the 1962 World Championships at the World Arena; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from oral surgery in 1988, Dr. Martin was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives, where he served from 1989 to 1997; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure in the House of Representatives, Representative Martin served as Chair of the House Finance Committee and the Capital Development Committee, helping to procure funding for the expansion of the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs and Interstate 25 in Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, Representative Martin also served on the Health, Education, and Welfare committee and was well known for being able to work across the aisle; and

WHEREAS, After his term in the House of Representatives, Governor Bill Owens appointed Representative Martin to the Board of Trustees of the State Colleges in Colorado; and

WHEREAS, After 54 years of marriage, Representative Martin's beloved wife, Maxine, died in 2000, and a year later he married his second wife, Loretta, with whom he enjoyed 14 years of marriage; and

WHEREAS, Representative Martin enjoyed a loving family that included three children, two stepchildren, their spouses, 12 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, a sister-in-law, and 8 nieces and nephews; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Seventieth General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

That, in the death of William Martin, the people of the State of Colorado have lost a devoted public servant and an outstanding citizen, and that we, the members of the Seventieth General Assembly, pay tribute to William Martin for his years of dedicated public service and do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this Memorial be sent to Representative Martin's wife, Loretta Martin, of Gilbert, Arizona, and his children: Dr. Dawne Martin of Manhattan, Kansas; Sally Martin Noffsinger of Colorado Springs, Colorado; William C. "Sam" Martin of Fort Collins, Colorado; Michael Ammons of Topeka, Kansas; and Michele Cunningham of Gilbert, Arizona.

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