



SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL 23-005

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also REPRESENTATIVE(S) Soper and Taggart, Armagost, Bird, Bockenfeld, Boesenecker, Brown, Daugherty, deGruy Kennedy, Dickson, Duran, Frizell, Froelich, Gonzales-Gutierrez, Joseph, Kipp, Lieder, Lindsay, Lindstedt, Lukens, Lynch, Mabrey, Marshall, Martinez, McLachlan, Michaelson Jenet, Pugliese, Sharbini, Sirota, Snyder, Titone, Valdez, Weinberg, Weissman, Willford, Woodrow, Young, McCluskie.

MEMORIALIZING FORMER SENATOR TILMAN M. BISHOP.

WHEREAS, Our respected former colleague, Tilman "Tillie" M. Bishop, a past member of the Colorado General Assembly, departed this life on June 16, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bishop was born on January 1, 1933, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to Oliver Fredrick Bishop and Lilly May French; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bishop earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in education at the University of Northern Colorado and in 1999, received an honorary doctorate from his alma mater; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, Senator Bishop and Pat Bishop, his wife of 67 years, moved to Grand Junction, Colorado, where he began working at what was then Mesa Junior College; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Senator Bishop ran for and was elected to the State House of Representatives where he served one term as the

Representative for House District 50 and one term as the Representative for House District 55; and

WHEREAS, While serving as a State Representative, Senator Bishop served as Vice-chair on the Health, Welfare, and Institutions and Transportation and Highways Committees and also served on the Appropriations, Labor and Employment Relations; Business Affairs; and House Services Committees; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Senator Bishop ran for and was elected to the State Senate where he served as State Senator for Senate District 30 from 1975 to 1982 and Senate District 7 from 1983 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, While in the Senate, Senator Bishop served as Chair of the Transportation; Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Energy; and Legislative Audit Committees and also served on the Appropriations; Local Government; Business Affairs and Labor; and Legislative Council Committees; and

WHEREAS, In 1992, while serving in the Senate, Senator Bishop worked with members of both parties to establish, by constitutional amendment, the Great Outdoors Colorado Program, which uses lottery funds to protect open spaces in Colorado, and sponsored legislation concerning water, education, higher education, and many other issues important to his Western Slope district; and

WHEREAS, In total, Senator Bishop served in the General Assembly for 28 years, including 4 years in the House and 24 years in the Senate, during which he spent 6 years as president pro tem, making him the fourth longest serving legislator in the state's history; and

WHEREAS, Nationally, Senator Bishop served on the executive committee of the National Conference of State Legislatures as Colorado's representative and also sat on the Executive Committee of the Energy Council; and

WHEREAS, After his time in the legislature, Senator Bishop served on the University of Colorado Board of Regents, the Colorado Mesa University Board of Trustees, and as a Mesa County Commissioner and did extensive work with the Grand Junction Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bishop also served with the National Junior College World Series tournament for many years, the selection committee for the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame, and the Aspinall Scholarship Committee; and

WHEREAS, In appreciation of Senator Bishop's 38 years of public service, the Western Colorado Community College Bishop campus and the Tilman Bishop State Wildlife Area were named after him; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bishop was preceded in death by his son Barry, and his wife Pat passed away in 2021; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bishop is survived by many friends and former colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bishop was a devoted public servant who will be remembered for his hard work, dedication, and accomplishments; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado, the House of Representatives concurring herein:

That, in the death of Tilman "Tillie" M. Bishop, the people of the State of Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and outstanding citizen, and that we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and pay tribute to a man who served his state well and faithfully.

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