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CONCERNING MEMORIALIZING FORMER SENATOR E MARTIN "MARTY" HATCHER.

WHEREAS, Former Colorado Senator, educator, and doctor of philosophy E Martin "Marty" Hatcher was born in Ada, Oklahoma, on September 19, 1927; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hatcher served his country as a young man in the United States Army, 62nd Air Services Group, in Fairbanks, Alaska, at the end of World War II as a cryptographic technician; and

WHEREAS, After the end of World War II, Senator Hatcher received an honorable discharge from the United States Army in August of 1946 and later began attending the University of Denver, where he earned his bachelor's degree and met his future wife, Maxine; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hatcher married Maxine Millikin in 1948, and together they had three sons: Martin Winston, Mark, and Noel; and

WHEREAS, Together, Senator Hatcher and Maxine moved to Gunnison, Colorado, after graduating from the University of Denver in 1949; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 23, Senator Hatcher began teaching speech and drama at Western State College, known today as Western Colorado

University, where he would teach for a total of 44 years; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hatcher was known for his sharp mind and love of learning, and he eventually earned both a master's degree and a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Denver; and

WHEREAS, His passion for speech and drama led Senator Hatcher, along with Maxine, to found the Crested Butte Mountain Theater in Crested Butte, Colorado, in 1972; and

WHEREAS, In 1974, Senator Hatcher ran for the Colorado State Senate and was elected to represent what was, at the time, Senate District 33; and

WHEREAS, Senator Hatcher served two terms in the Senate, from 1975 to 1982, and was chosen to be the Minority Caucus Chair from 1981 to 1982; and

WHEREAS, During his time in the state legislature, Senator Hatcher served on multiple committees, which included the Agriculture Committee for all eight years of his time at the Capitol; and

WHEREAS, After completing his two terms as a State Senator, Senator Hatcher returned to Western State College to resume teaching, where he began teaching government in addition to speech and drama; and

WHEREAS, After retiring, Senator Hatcher continued to fill his life with the things he loved most: Theatrical productions, public speaking engagements, golf, travel, politics, community involvement, and conversations with family and friends; now, therefore,

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

That we, the members of the Colorado State Senate, honor Senator E Marty Hatcher for his years of service to our state and to his communities in Gunnison and Crested Butte.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be sent to Martin Winston Hatcher and Mardi Crawford, Senator Hatcher's son and

daughter-in-law; Mark and Pamela Hatcher, Senator Hatcher's son and daughter-in-law; Noel and Sheila Hatcher, Senator Hatcher's son and daughter-in-law; Cameron Hatcher, Senator Hatcher's grandson; Taylor Gregory, Senator Hatcher's granddaughter; Becky Schaefer, Senator Hatcher's niece, and her husband, Steve Schaefer; Gordon Gregg, Senator Hatcher's nephew, and his wife, Pat Gregg; Heather Spillman, Senator Hatcher's great-niece, and her husband, Jason Spillman; and Kristi Allen, Senator Hatcher's great-niece, and her husband, Cory Allen.

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