



SENATE MEMORIAL 23-001

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MEMORIALIZING FORMER SENATOR DON SANDOVAL.

WHEREAS, Our respected former colleague, Donald A. "Don" Sandoval, a past member of the Colorado Senate, departed this life on April 7, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sandoval was born on January 30, 1935, in Denver, Colorado, to Mary Hope Sandoval and Jake Sandoval; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sandoval learned the value of hard work by selling fruits and vegetables, delivering newspapers, and shining shoes beginning at age 10 and was no stranger to childhood adversity including homelessness; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sandoval attended Annunciation High School and Regis College before serving in the United States Army after World War II and the early years of the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Upon returning home from military service, Senator Sandoval settled in Colorado with his wife, Virginia, together raising four children and engaging actively in their community; and

WHEREAS, Initially elected in 1977 to represent Senate District 4 and elected once more in 1984 to represent Senate District 31, Senator Sandoval served as Senator for a total of 16 years; and

WHEREAS, During his time in the state Senate, Senator Sandoval served on several committees, including State Affairs, Transportation, Local Government, Business Affairs & Labor, Appropriations, Finance, Senate Services, Legislative Council, and the Police Officers' & Firefighters' Pension Reform Commission; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sandoval also served as the Senate Minority Caucus Leader from 1979 through 1980; and

WHEREAS, Among his many achievements, Senator Sandoval is noted for introducing and sponsoring legislation that made Colorado one of the first states to enact laws reserving parking spots for and requiring buildings to be accessible to persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sandoval also directed his efforts towards obtaining major funding for state schools, pushing juvenile protection laws, and sponsoring legislation to bring Major League Baseball and the Rockies franchise to Colorado; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Senator Sandoval was invited to join Mayor Wellington Webb's administration, and did so, serving in the Office of International Trade and Economic Development in an effort to strengthen business ties between Denver and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sandoval, who was known and loved by people everywhere he went, was a Denver-based business proprietor of a television repair shop, the Bull Ring Restaurant and Lounge, and the Rock Tower; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Senator Sandoval championed numerous community causes to better the lives of small business owners, veterans, union members, children, and families; and

WHEREAS, Senator Sandoval was a committed father, husband, and grandfather, a devout Catholic, and a friend to many; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we remember and honor a man of such integrity and compassion and who lived a life in service of others; now, therefore,

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

That, in the death of Don Sandoval, the people of the state of Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and upstanding citizen, and that we, the members of the Colorado Senate, 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.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be sent to his wife Ruth Virginia Sandoval and his children Teresa Sandoval, Diana Garcia, Ernest Sandoval, and Mathew Sandoval.

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THE SENATE

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