



HOUSE MEMORIAL 16-1005

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**MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE
DIANE HOPPE.**

WHEREAS, Diane Hoppe, the former Representative, departed this life on February 27, 2016, at the age of 68; and

WHEREAS, Diane Hoppe was born on December 14, 1947, in Sterling, Colorado, to Dr. Thurmond and Mrs. Phyllis Rogers; and

WHEREAS, Diane Hoppe graduated from Sterling High School in 1965 and from the University of Colorado in Boulder in 1972 with a degree in microbiology; and

WHEREAS, After marrying, she and her husband worked on the Hoppe farm and ranch near Sterling for 10 years and had two wonderful sons, Dan and John; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Diane Hoppe moved back to Sterling and began working as the "ears" for Congressman Hank Brown in his Northeastern Colorado district; and

WHEREAS, Diane Hoppe served as director of the Lower South Platte Water Conservancy District from 1997 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, Diane Hoppe was appointed to replace Representative Don Ament in House district 65 and served eight years in the Colorado House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the House of Representatives, Representative Hoppe's primary focus was water and agriculture and she served on the Agriculture, Livestock, and Natural Resources committee during all eight of her years in the House, becoming the first woman to chair that committee, which she did for four years, as well as serving as the House Minority Whip in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hoppe also served on joint and statutory water committees during each interim, including the Special Water Committee, the Water Resources Legislation Review Committee, and the Water Resources Review Committee, serving as chair of those committees five times; and

WHEREAS, In 2001, Representative Hoppe, recognizing the need to monitor Colorado's water resources on a continual and annual basis, sponsored the bill that created the Water Resources Legislation Review Committee, which became the Water Resources Review Committee in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hoppe sponsored numerous water-related bills, and her leadership helped to develop substitute water supply plans and add the Commissioner of Agriculture as a member of the Colorado Water Conservation Board; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hoppe was a founding member of the Colorado Foundation for Water Education and served as its president from 2002 to 2007; and

WHEREAS, After her final term in the House of Representatives ended in 2006, Representative Hoppe went on to serve on the South Platte Basin Roundtable and on the Colorado Water Conservation Board from 2012 to 2016, serving as chair from 2015-2016; and


WHEREAS, As a respected water leader, Representative Hoppe received numerous awards, including the Colorado Water Congress Wayne N. Aspinnall Award for Outstanding Water Leader of the Year, which is given not for a single achievement in a person's life, but for a career of service and contribution to the water community; and


WHEREAS, Representative Hoppe also received the 2012 President's award from the Colorado Foundation for Water Education, the Colorado Farm Bureau Service to Agriculture award, the Colorado Cattlemen Association Honorary Life Member award, and the Colorado Water Congress Honorary Life Member award and was named a "Top Ten Legislator" by the Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry; 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 Diane Hoppe, 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 Diane Hoppe for her years of dedicated public service and do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of her family.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of the Memorial be sent to her sons Dan Hoppe and John Hoppe, both of Broomfield, and to her brother John Rogers of Pocatello, Idaho.


Marilyn Eddins
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE
OF REPRESENTATIVES


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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
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