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SENATE MEMORIAL 24-002

101 **CONCERNING MEMORIALIZING FORMER SENATOR E MARTIN**
102 **"MARTY" HATCHER.**

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

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

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

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

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

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1 1949; and

2 WHEREAS, At the age of 23, Senator Hatcher began teaching
3 speech and drama at Western State College, known today as Western
4 Colorado University, where he would teach for a total of 44 years; and

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

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

11 WHEREAS, In 1974, Senator Hatcher ran for the Colorado State
12 Senate and was elected to represent what was, at the time, Senate District
13 33; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Hatcher served two terms in the Senate, from
15 1975 to 1982, and was chosen to be the Minority Caucus Chair from 1981
16 to 1982; and

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

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

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

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

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

1 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this Memorial be sent to
2 Martin Winston Hatcher and Mardi Crawford, Senator Hatcher's son and
3 daughter-in-law; Mark and Pamela Hatcher, Senator Hatcher's son and
4 daughter-in-law; Noel and Sheila Hatcher, Senator Hatcher's son and
5 daughter-in-law; Cameron Hatcher, Senator Hatcher's grandson; Taylor
6 Gregory, Senator Hatcher's granddaughter; Becky Schaefer, Senator
7 Hatcher's niece, and her husband, Steve Schaefer; Gordon Gregg, Senator
8 Hatcher's nephew, and his wife, Pat Gregg; Heather Spillman, Senator
9 Hatcher's great-niece, and her husband, Jason Spillman; and Kristi Allen,
10 Senator Hatcher's great-niece, and her husband, Cory Allen.