



HOUSE JOINT MEMORIAL 14-1001

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Rankin and Ferrandino, Becker, Buck, Buckner, Conti, Coram, Court, DelGrosso, Dore, Everett, Exum, Fields, Fischer, Foote, Garcia, Gardner, Gerou, Ginal, Hamner, Holbert, Hullinghorst, Humphrey, Joshi, Kagan, Kraft-Tharp, Labuda, Landgraf, Lawrence, Lebsock, Lee, May, McCann, McLachlan, McNulty, Melton, Mitsch Bush, Moreno, Murray, Navarro, Nordberg, Pabon, Peniston, Pettersen, Primavera, Priola, Rosenthal, Ryden, Saine, Salazar, Schafer, Scott, Singer, Sonnenberg, Swalm, Szabo, Tyler, Vigil, Waller, Wilson, Wright, Young; also SENATOR(S) Baumgardner, Aguilar, Balmer, Brophy, Cadman, Crowder, Grantham, Guzman, Harvey, Heath, Herpin, Hill, Hodge, Jahn, Johnston, Jones, Kefalas, Kerr, King, Lambert, Lundberg, Marble, Newell, Nicholson, Renfroe, Rivera, Roberts, Scheffel, Schwartz, Steadman, Tochtrop, Todd, Ulibarri, Zenzinger, Carroll.

MEMORIALIZING FORMER GOVERNOR JOHN VANDERHOOF.

WHEREAS, Our respected former colleague, John Vanderhoof, a past member of the Colorado House of Representatives and former Governor of Colorado, departed this life on September 19, 2013, at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, John D. Vanderhoof was born on May 27, 1922, in Rocky Ford, Colorado, to Roy E. and Irene Vanderhoof, and later moved to Fort Collins; and

WHEREAS, Governor Vanderhoof attended Glendale College in Glendale, California, after graduating from Fort Collins High School; and

WHEREAS, Governor Vanderhoof enlisted in the Navy in 1942 and graduated from the Navy Pilot program in 1943; and

WHEREAS, As a Navy Pilot during World War II, Governor Vanderhoof carried out numerous fighter missions and was part of the first aircraft to attack the island of Iwo Jima; and

WHEREAS, During a mission over Legaspi Bay, Governor Vanderhoof's plane was damaged by ground fire and he was forced to eject from his plane, breaking his leg in the process; and

WHEREAS, For his service and accomplishments in war, Governor Vanderhoof received the Distinguished Flying Cross, two Navy Crosses, and three Purple Hearts; and

WHEREAS, Governor Vanderhoof requested a transfer to Glenwood Springs to recover from the injuries he sustained; and

WHEREAS, After his rehabilitation, Governor Vanderhoof decided to make Glenwood Springs his permanent home, starting Van's Sporting Goods store and also participating in the opening of Glenwood Independent Bank and the Bank of Glenwood; and

WHEREAS, His interest in community politics led Governor Vanderhoof to run for the Colorado House of Representatives in 1950; and

WHEREAS, After winning the seat, Governor Vanderhoof would go on to serve the state in many capacities over the course of 25 years, including Minority Leader, Majority Leader, Speaker of the House, Lieutenant Governor, and Governor; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the House of Representatives from 1950 to 1970, Governor Vanderhoof served as Chair of the Game and Fish Committee and the Business Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, he was elected Lieutenant Governor with then Governor John Love; and

WHEREAS, After Governor Love left office to join the Nixon administration, John Vanderhoof became the 37th Governor of Colorado on July 16, 1973; and

WHEREAS, After retiring from politics in 1975, Governor Vanderhoof relocated to Grand Junction and remained involved in community efforts, becoming the President of Club 20, a nonpartisan organization dedicated to uniting and promoting the Western Slope; and

WHEREAS, For his dedication and service, Club 20 created the "John D. Vanderhoof Award" to honor citizens for outstanding service and dedication to Western Colorado; and

WHEREAS, His decades of service to his community and to Colorado made Governor Vanderhoof a highly respected public servant, citizen, and friend; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we, the members of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly, pay tribute to the dedicated service of Governor John Vanderhoof and express our deep regret and sorrow occasioned by his death; now, therefore,

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

That, in the death of John Vanderhoof, the people of the state of Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and outstanding citizen, and that we, the members of the Sixty-ninth 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.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Joint Memorial be sent to Governor Vanderhoof's sons Bruce Vanderhoof and Tom Craig, and daughters Linda Vanderhoof, Cindy Epple, Kathy La Plante, and Nancy Guccini.

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