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**HOUSE MEMORIAL 20-1001**

101 **MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE WAYNE KNOX.**

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1           WHEREAS, Our respected former colleague, Wayne Knox, the  
2 longest serving member of the House of Representatives, departed this  
3 life on July 21, 2019, at the age of 92; and

4           WHEREAS, Representative Knox was a Denver native, and he  
5 served in the United States Army after high school before attending the  
6 University of Denver and the University of Colorado; and

7           WHEREAS, For 33 years, Representative Knox taught high school  
8 social studies in Commerce City; and

9           WHEREAS, Representative Knox was elected to the Colorado  
10 House of Representatives 16 times and served for 32 years, making him  
11 the longest serving state representative in Colorado history; and

12           WHEREAS, During his time in the State House, Representative  
13 Knox served on a number of committees, including the Education,  
14 Finance, State Affairs, and Judiciary Committees, and he served as Chair  
15 of the Education Committee and Finance Committee at points during his

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1 tenure; and

2 WHEREAS, Representative Knox may be most remembered under  
3 the gold dome for his work in passing the GAVEL (Give A Vote to Every  
4 Legislator) Amendment; and

5 WHEREAS, Passed in 1988, GAVEL prohibits pocket vetoes of  
6 bills by committee chairs and requires each bill brought before the House  
7 of Representatives or the Senate to have a hearing and a vote; and

8 WHEREAS, After Representative Knox retired from the  
9 legislature in 1996, he spent time serving with various political and  
10 nonprofit organizations, including the Colorado League of Women Voters  
11 and the Colorado Senior Lobby; and

12 WHEREAS, Fellow politicians remember Representative Knox as  
13 a hardworking and conscientious public servant, and for being very  
14 dedicated and sincere; and

15 WHEREAS, Representative Knox loved Colorado and enjoyed  
16 taking his two daughters for trips to the mountains, and he was a fan of  
17 folk music, including Peter, Paul, and Mary, and he was a caring father  
18 and grandfather; and

19 WHEREAS, Representative Knox was a devoted public servant  
20 who was well respected by colleagues on both sides of the aisle and will  
21 be remembered for his hard work, dedication, and accomplishments; now,  
22 therefore,

23 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*  
24 *Seventy-second General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

25 That, in the death of Wayne Knox, the people of the State of  
26 Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and outstanding citizen, and  
27 that we, the members of the Colorado House of Representatives, do  
28 hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his  
29 family and pay tribute to a man who served his state well and faithfully.

30 *Be It Further Resolved,* That copies of this Memorial be sent to his  
31 daughters, Laura Vossel and Elizabeth Knox, and his grandson, Josh  
32 Vossel.