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MEMORIALIZING FORMER CONGRESSMAN MIKE STRANG.

WHEREAS, Colorado's respected former Congressman Mike Strang departed this life on January 12, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Strang was born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, on June 17, 1929, spent most of his childhood in Colorado, served in the United States Army, completed his education at Princeton University, and worked as an investment banker in New York before returning to Colorado; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Strang and his wife, Kit, made their home in the Missouri Heights area near Carbondale, where they established a ranch and raised four children; and

WHEREAS, In 1970, Congressman Strang was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives, where he served for four years representing the people of Eagle, Garfield, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, and Lake counties; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the Colorado House of Representatives, Congressman Strang served on several committees, including Business Affairs; Game, Fish, and Parks; Labor and Employment Relations; Rules; and State Affairs; and

WHEREAS, During his service in the Colorado legislature, Congressman Strang proved to be far ahead of his time by introducing a bill to legalize marijuana, a proposition that would come to fruition approximately 40 years later; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Strang's service and civic engagement continued when he was elected in 1984 to the U.S. Congress, where he served in the House of Representatives for two years, representing the sprawling Western Slope district; and

WHEREAS, Following his time in Washington, Congressman Strang returned home to the Carbondale area, where he spent time on horse and cattle ranching and consulting on natural resources issues; and

WHEREAS, After 84 years, Congressman Strang passed away from "too many summers", the old cowboy adage he was fond of quoting; and

WHEREAS, Friends and family remember Congressman Strang as good-natured, witty, intelligent, and genuinely interested in helping people; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly, pay tribute to the dedicated service of Congressman Mike Strang 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:

That, in the death of Congressman Mike Strang, the people of the state of Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and outstanding citizen, and that we, the members of the House of Representatives of the Sixty-ninth General Assembly, do hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family and pay tribute to someone who served his state well and faithfully.

Be It Further Resolved, That copies of this Memorial be sent to Congressman Strang's wife, Kit Strang; his daughter, Bridget Strang, of Carbondale; his daughter, Laurie Strang Cunningham, of Coachella, California; and his son, Scott Strang, of Monroe, Virginia.

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