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**HOUSE MEMORIAL 23-1003**

101 **MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE JIM SNOOK.**

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1           WHEREAS, Our respected former colleague, James Irvin Snook,  
2 a past member of the Colorado General Assembly, departed this life on  
3 January 31, 2023, at the age of 83; and

4           WHEREAS, Representative Snook was born on November 14,  
5 1939, on a 40-acre farm near Fruita, Colorado, to John and Elizabeth  
6 Snook and spent the first four years of his life there before his family  
7 moved to the town of Fruita; and

8           WHEREAS, Representative Snook earned a bachelor's degree in  
9 Vocational Agriculture from Colorado State University and earned a  
10 master's degree in Counseling from the University of Northern Colorado;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, In 1990, Representative Snook married his wife  
13 Carolyn, who he was married to for 33 years until his passing; and

14           WHEREAS, Representative Snook developed a love for  
15 agriculture and livestock at a young age when he began herding sheep in

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1 the mountains northwest of Fruita, and pursued this passion later on by  
2 serving as a horse show judge for 4-H, an assistant Colorado State Fair  
3 Horse Show Director, and the Private Treaty Bull Sales Manager for the  
4 National Western Stock Show; and

5 WHEREAS, Before serving in the General Assembly,  
6 Representative Snook worked as an educator, school administrator,  
7 vocational and rehabilitation counselor, and insurance agent; and

8 WHEREAS, In 2000, Representative Snook ran for and was  
9 elected to the State House of Representatives where he served as the State  
10 Representative for District 60 from 2001 to 2002; and

11 WHEREAS, While in the House of Representatives,  
12 Representative Snook served on the Agriculture, Livestock and Natural  
13 Resources Committee and Civil Justice and Judiciary Committee, and  
14 served as the Chair of the Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension  
15 Reform Commission; and

16 WHEREAS, Representative Snook sponsored legislation that  
17 addressed agriculture, wildlife, and water issues important to the San Luis  
18 Valley, including black bear hunting management and continuation of the  
19 San Luis Confined Aquifer; and

20 WHEREAS, After his time in the legislature, Representative  
21 Snook worked as a lobbyist for Colorado Association of Homebuilders  
22 and Xcel Energy; and

23 WHEREAS, Representative Snook is survived by his wife  
24 Carolyn, his children J.J., Joel, Eric, David, and Deanna, 24  
25 grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and many friends and former  
26 colleagues; and

27 WHEREAS, Representative Snook was a devoted public servant  
28 who will be remembered for his hard work, dedication, accomplishments,  
29 and service to the San Luis Valley and the State of Colorado; now,  
30 therefore,

31 *Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the*  
32 *Seventy-fourth General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

33 That, in the death of Jim Snook, the people of the State of

1 Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and outstanding citizen, and  
2 that we, the members of the Colorado House of Representatives, do  
3 hereby extend our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his  
4 family and pay tribute to a man who served his state well and faithfully.

5 *Be It Further Resolved*, That copies of this memorial be sent to Jim  
6 Snook's wife, Carolyn Snook.