HOUSE MEMORIAL 13-1003

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MEMORIALIZING FORMER REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT "BOB" JACKSON.

WHEREAS, Our respected former colleague, Robert "Bob" Jackson, a past member of the Colorado General Assembly, departed this life on July 27, 2012, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jackson was born to Reimer L. Jackson and Margaret W. Jackson in Pueblo, Colorado on August 31, 1927; and

WHEREAS, Before entering politics, Representative Jackson served in the United States Army and worked as a successful auto dealer; and

WHEREAS, On September 4, 1947, Representative Jackson married Nancy Hunicke, and they became the proud parents of Carol, David, and James; the proud grandparents of Robert, Patrick, Stephen, James, Ashley, and Brian; and the proud great-grandparents of Zoe, Leo, Max, and Anastasia; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, Representative Jackson was elected to the Colorado House of Representatives from Pueblo; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jackson served as the chairman of the Audit Committee, among other appointments, and "will go down in history as an integral part of Colorado as far as water law is concerned. [He] was the go-to person for a lot of legislators. When it came time to rewrite Colorado water law, a good portion of that water law was rewritten in the late '60s, and Bob Jackson has his fingerprints all over it", according to former United States Representative Ray Kogovsek; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jackson retired from the Colorado House of Representatives in 1972 but continued a life of tremendous public service; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jackson served as the campaign treasurer for former Representative Sal Pace, was appointed as chair of the Colorado Water Conservation Board and the Colorado State Fair's Board of Commissioners, and was an invaluable mentor for many elected officials; and

WHEREAS, In 1957, Representative Jackson established the Jackson Foundation, which has granted millions of dollars to support local organizations including the Pueblo Symphony, Boy and Girl Scout councils, Pueblo Boys and Girls Club, 4-H Foundation, YWCA, YMCA, Head Start, Meals on Wheels, Boys and Girls Ranch, and many others; and

WHEREAS, Representative Jackson was a dedicated community leader and an exceptional philanthropist who served on numerous local boards, including the Sangre de Cristo Arts Center, which he was instrumental in founding through his tireless fundraising efforts; and

WHEREAS, In 1978, Representative Jackson donated $250,000 in property and funds to the YMCA to help improve Camp Crockett, renamed Camp Jackson in his honor; and

WHEREAS, United States Senator Mark Udall praised Representative Jackson, stating, "Bob served the Pueblo community as a businessman, state lawmaker, and philanthropist. His death is a loss to his community, but his service will endure as an example for others in Pueblo and across the state"; 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 Bob Jackson, the people of the state of Colorado have lost a dedicated public servant and an outstanding citizen, and that we, the members of the Colorado General Assembly, 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 a copy of this Memorial be sent to Representative Jackson's son, David Jackson of Pueblo.

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