

A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF RANDY HELMS' SERVICE TO THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to formally recognize Randy Helms for his outstanding service to the City of Colorado Springs; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Helms was elected to the Colorado Springs City Council in April 2021 as a Councilmember representing District 2 in the northernmost part of the City; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining City Council, Councilmember Helms graduated from the United States Airforce Academy in 1979 and proudly served his country for over 30 years in the United States Airforce, both at home and abroad. After retirement, he returned to Colorado Springs and continued to serve his community as a substitute teacher in Colorado Springs Academy School District 20 and as President of the USAFA Association of Graduates Class Advisory Senate; and

WHEREAS, since joining City Council, Councilmember Helms quickly was elected to leadership positions as both President Pro Tem and eventually Council President in April 2023; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Helms also served with distinction on the Airport Advisory Commission, Colorado Springs Urban Renewal Authority, Pikes Peak Rural Transportation Authority, and the Law Enforcement Transparency and Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, while on City Council, Councilmember Helms successfully advocated with his neighbors for the creation of the Briargate General Improvement District, winning that election with 65.5% of the vote; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Helms embodied both civility and honor, upholding his oath of office by treating all fellow Councilmembers, city staff, and members of the public with the utmost kindness and respect;

WHEREAS, Councilmember Helms will need to designate a new Councilmember to say "cheeseburger" during all group photos;

WHEREAS, Councilmember Helms is the Air Force Falcons number one fan, and never failed to update all his fellow Councilmembers, Legislative Services Staff, and members of the public on all of their victories, losses and crowd sizes. Go Falcons!

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:**

Section 1. The City Council, staff, and leadership would like to honor Councilmember Randy Helms for his service to the City of Colorado Springs

DATED at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

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Randy Helms, Council President

ATTEST:

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Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk