

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 25

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF
FORMER COUNCILMEMBER MERV BENNETT

WHEREAS, Merv Bennett was a pillar of the Colorado Springs community exemplifying the values of service, selflessness, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, he started his career of service in Colorado Springs in 1972 to serve as the Physical Director of the Pikes Peak YMCA. He was later promoted to Vice President and Chief Operating Officer in 1979 and then promoted to President and Chief Executive Officer in 1992 where he continued to lead the organization until his retirement in 2011; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Pikes Peak YMCA grew from \$4 million to \$20 million annually and opened nine new facilities. The organization also built strong community partnerships with businesses, organizations, school districts, and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, Merv was successfully elected as Councilmember At Large and was re-elected to the same position in 2015, serving a total of eight years on City Council; and

WHEREAS, during his time on City Council, Merv served in the leadership roles of Council President, President Pro Tem, and Chair of the Colorado Springs Utilities Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the City of Colorado Springs is grateful for Merv Bennett's many years of dedicated service to our community and recognizes him for his commitment and leadership to the citizens of Colorado Springs and the Pikes Peak Region.

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

Section 1. The City Council honors the life and service of former Councilmember Merv Bennett and his impact on the City of Colorado Springs that will be felt for many generations to come.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado this 25th day of November, 2025.

Council President

ATTEST:

Sarah B. Johnson, City Clerk