



Grand Junction

State of Colorado

*A PROCLAMATION CELEBRATING THE LIFE AND
CONTRIBUTIONS OF COUNCILMEMBER HARRY R. BUTLER*

WHEREAS, City Councilmember Harry R. Butler was a beloved public servant who served the City, the County, and the community at large in many different capacities; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Butler first served on City Council from 2001 until 2005. During that time, he also served as Mayor Pro Tem in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Butler was recently re-elected to City Council and began his new term on May 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, while serving on City Council, Councilmember Butler was instrumental in forming the City's first Youth Council where high school students across the valley served in an advisory capacity to the City Council. He also represented the City Council on the Grand Junction Housing Authority and the Downtown Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, Harry also served as minister for the Handy Chapel and Pastor Butler led church services for the Certain Place of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Pastor Butler could be seen frequently providing the invocation at many, many community, civic, and private events throughout the valley; and

WHEREAS, School Board Member Harry Butler served the Mesa County School District 51 board from 2005 until his passing, serving as President in 2009-2011. He also represented the School Board on the Grand Valley Regional Transportation Committee and on the Parks Improvement Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, Harry R. Butler served on many community and civic boards including Kids Voting Mesa County, Foster Grandparents, and other youth centered boards. Harry's focus was on the youth of the community as well as housing and transportation; and

WHEREAS, with Harry's sudden passing on Sunday, June 2, 2013, the City Council, on behalf of the community, would like to express its gratitude to Harry R. Butler for his commitment to this community and his tireless efforts to make it a better place. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Danielle, his wife of fifty years, his daughter, and his grandchildren for their loss.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Susuras, by the power vested in me as Mayor of the City of Grand Junction, do hereby ask those in the community to recognize all the contributions made by Councilmember Harry R. Butler and although we mourn his passing, celebrate his life and the positive legacy he left us.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the official Seal of the City of Grand Junction this 5th day of June, 2013.

Mayor

