

RESOLUTION NO. _____ It was moved by Commissioner _____ and duly seconded by Commissioner _____ to adopt the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, John Allen Hower began his employment with the Office of the District Attorney as a Deputy District Attorney on September 1, 1982, after having served honorably in the United States Air Force for eight years. During John's tenure with the Office, he has held a variety of crucial positions, including Chronic Offender Program prosecutor, trial skills deputy, Chief Deputy District Attorney of county court, Chief Deputy District Attorney of district court and capital murder prosecution team member in four separate capital murder trials, among others; and

WHEREAS, John has been an invaluable and devoted member of the Arapahoe County, Eighteenth Judicial District, and State of Colorado law enforcement family; and

WHEREAS, John has trained countless lawyers on the ethical, professional, and responsible practice of prosecution, always putting our community's victims first. John's dedication to the practice of prosecution is reflected in the myriad recognitions from his peers, his impact on thousands of survivors and victims of crime and their families, and his part in holding hundreds of violent offenders accountable in amassing thousands of years of incarceration to protect our community from victimization; and

WHEREAS, the idiom of "wearing the white hat" was taken to new levels of meaning and impressed upon generations of prosecutors through John's patronage, stewardship, and mentorship over the course of almost 36 years as a prosecutor; and

WHEREAS, through his unrelenting pursuit of justice, his self-sacrifice, his intelligence and integrity, and his boundless compassion for the community and his peers, John has left a legacy that will indelibly remain; and

WHEREAS, although John will be sorely and sadly missed by his peers, and his service missed by the community, he will now enjoy a well-deserved retirement with his high school sweetheart and loving wife of 52 years, Janna, and spend more time as a proud father to his wonderful son John, Jr. and daughter, Bonnie Jean.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Arapahoe County to officially recognize the contributions that John Allen Hower has made to the citizens of Arapahoe County as a valued employee of Arapahoe County and the Eighteenth Judicial District, and hereby declares that his future shall prosper as Arapahoe County and the Eighteenth Judicial District has under his dedication and service.

The vote was:

Commissioner Baker, _; Commissioner Conti, _; Commissioner Holen, _; Commissioner Jackson, _; Commissioner Sharpe, _.

The Chair declared the motion carried and so ordered.