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**Media Note:** Photos of Frank Weddig during his time as Arapahoe County Commissioner are available on the County's ftp server by clicking on the following link: <http://bit.ly/ACcomFW>

## **Former Arapahoe County Commissioner passes away**

*Memorial services will be held Nov. 1-2 for Frank Weddig who tirelessly served Arapahoe County from 2005 to 2012*

**Littleton, Colo.**--- Former Arapahoe County Commissioner Frank Weddig, who served seven years as commissioner before retiring from public office in January, passed away Oct. 26.

Visitation will be 5 – 8 p.m., Nov. 1 at Newcomer Mortuary – East Metro Chapel, 190 Potomac St., Aurora. A memorial service will be 10 a.m., Nov. 2 at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 13670 E. 13<sup>th</sup> Pl., Aurora.

Weddig dedicated his life to public service representing Aurora and Arapahoe County, first as a city council member, then as a state representative, state senator and finally as a county commissioner from 2005 - 2012, where he represented District 5. He retired Jan. 3 to spend more time with his family. Just two days later, Frank and his wife Pat moved to their dream mountain home in Bailey, Colorado.

During his term as commissioner, Frank helped shepherd the opening of the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds and Events Center and the return of the Arapahoe County Fair in 2006. He helped oversee the completion of a \$13.8 million project that successfully addressed the space needs for the courts; celebrated the 2008 grand opening of the Eastern Service Center in Byers and approved a variety of projects that provided citizens with improved parks and trails, as well as protected 18,000 acres of open space throughout Arapahoe County.

As Commissioner, he oversaw the County's Facilities and Fleet Management and Community Resources departments. He also represented Arapahoe County's interests on several community boards and organizations, including: Developmental Pathways Board of Directors; Colorado Counties Inc. General Tourism and Economic Development Committees; and the Aurora Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. He also served on the Forfeiture Board for the District Attorney's and the Sheriff's Office, and in 2011 he was appointed chairman of the E-470 Public Highway Authority Board of Directors.

"Frank Weddig was a hard-working and dedicated public servant, who devoted his life to helping the citizens of Aurora and Arapahoe County," said Commissioner Susan Beckman, who serves as Vice Chair of the Board of County Commissioners and served with Weddig until he retired in January. "He cared deeply about the programs and services that impact the lives of our citizens and he worked hard to make Arapahoe County a

great place to live and to raise a family. Our condolences and deepest sympathy go out to his wife Pat and to his family during this difficult time.”

Commissioner Nancy Jackson, who represents District 4, said Weddig was the reason she ran for public office.

“Both Frank and his wife Pat were my mentors, as they were mentors for so many people,” said Jackson, who is serving her first term as County Commissioner. “He shared his passion for public service through his kindness. Frank never met a person he didn’t like and that came through in his work.”

Weddig is survived by his wife of 45 years Patricia, and his three daughters, Frances (Geoff) Thomson, Pamela (John) Williams, and Patrice (Kurt) Thoresen, and six grandchildren, Zoe and Ian Thomson; Megan and Kyle Williams and Eva and Evan Thoresen. He also is survived by five brothers: Chuck, Eugene, Bob, Joel and Rick, and one sister, LuAnn, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

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- 050211Arapahoe County Resolution MP0307: Commissioner Frank Weddig reciting the pledge of allegiance during Arapahoe County Day at the Legislature in honor of the County’s 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2011.
- ESC Grandopening\_Frank: Commissioner Frank Weddig celebrating the grand opening of the Arapahoe County Eastern Service Center in 2008.
- IMG\_6912: Commissioner Frank Weddig celebrating Arapahoe County’s 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at Western Welcome Week in Littleton in August 2011.