ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 2–ASSEMBLYMEN FRIERSON; ANDERSON, BENITEZ-THOMPSON, BILBRAY-AXELROD, BLACK, BROWN-MAY, CARLTON, COHEN, CONSIDINE, DICKMAN, DURAN, ELLISON, FLORES, GONZÁLEZ, GORELOW, HAFEN, HANSEN, HARDY, JAUREGUI, KASAMA, KRASNER, LEAVITT, MARTINEZ, MARZOLA, MATTHEWS, MCARTHUR, BRITTNEY MILLER, C.H. MILLER, MONROE-MORENO, NGUYEN, O'NEILL, ORENTLICHER, PETERS, ROBERTS, SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG, THOMAS, TITUS, TOLLES, TORRES, WATTS, WHEELER AND YEAGER

NOVEMBER 16, 2021
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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes former State Senator and Congressman James Hubert Bilbray. (BDR R-11)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets [omitted material] is material to be omitted.

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing former State Senator and Congressman James Hubert Bilbray.

1   WHEREAS, On September 19, 2021, the State of Nevada lost a
2 devoted and highly distinguished public servant, a man whose
3 legacy continues to enrich his community; and
4   WHEREAS, Native Nevadan James Hubert Bilbray was born
5 May 19, 1938, at Las Vegas Hospital, to Ann and James Bilbray,
6 beginning a lifetime of living in and loving Las Vegas; and
7   WHEREAS, Jim's early education began at Las Vegas High
8 School, then Nevada Southern University, which would eventually

1 become UNLV, the home of the Running Rebels and where Jim
2 founded and was the first President of the UNLV Alumni
3 Association; and
4   WHEREAS, James Bilbray married his college sweetheart
5 Michaelene Mercer, starting a 61-year partnership and family,
6 including children, Bridget, Kevin, Erin and Shannon, sons-in-law
7 Stephen, Noah and Danny, and grandchildren, Michaelene,
8 Matthew, Caroline, Daisy and Molly; and
9   WHEREAS, After serving in the United States Army and the
10 Nevada Army National Guard, and obtaining his bachelor of arts
11 degree in government and a juris doctorate from American
12 University in Washington, D.C., Mr. Bilbray began his notable
13 career as a public servant for the people of this State, including as a
14 deputy district attorney and on the Board of Regents of the
15 University of Nevada, in addition to time spent in private practice;
16 and
17   WHEREAS, Jim Bilbray was elected to the Nevada State Senate
18 in 1980, and served during three regular sessions, and one special
19 session, including two sessions as Chair of the Senate Committee on
20 Taxation, where he worked to provide education funding for his
21 alma mater, UNLV; and
22   WHEREAS, Upon his election in 1986 to the United States House
23 of Representatives, Jim resigned his state Senate seat and spent eight
24 years as a Congressman representing Southern Nevada, during
25 which time he sponsored legislation to permanently preserve
26 thousands of acres at Red Rock Canyon, which now has a plaque
27 honoring him at the visitors' center, and created the Spring
28 Mountain National Recreation Area; now, therefore, be it
29   RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
30 SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada
31 Legislature offer their deepest condolences to Jim's wife
32 Michaelene, daughter Bridget and her husband Stephen, daughter
33 Erin and her husband Noah, daughter and Assemblywoman
34 Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod and her husband Danny, and
35 grandchildren Michaelene, Matthew, Caroline, Daisy and Molly;
36 and be it further
37   RESOLVED, That the remarkable legacy which Jim Bilbray
38 leaves through his lifetime of passion and service for the Silver
39 State, and Las Vegas in particular, is appreciated and lauded by all
40 residents of this State; and be it further
41   RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
42 transmit a copy of this resolution to Jim's beloved wife Michaelene;
43 and be it further

1   RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
2 adoption.

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