

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 40—ASSEMBLYMEN DINI, ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY, BACHE, BEERS, BERMAN, BROWER, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CEGAVSKE, CHOWNING, CLABORN, COLLINS, DE BRAGA, EVANS, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOLDWATER, GUSTAVSON, HETTRICK, HUMKE, KOIVISTO, LEE, LESLIE, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, NEIGHBORS, NOLAN, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PERKINS, PRICE, SEGERBLUM, THOMAS, TIFFANY, VON TOBEL AND WILLIAMS

MARCH 26, 1999

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, JACOBSEN, JAMES, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NEAL, O'CONNELL, O'DONNELL, PORTER, RAGGIO, RAWSON, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes former Chief Clerk of Nevada Assembly, Linda B. Alden. (BDR R-1380)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing the former Chief Clerk of the Nevada Assembly, Linda B. Alden.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature and the Legislative
- 2 Counsel Bureau were deeply saddened with the untimely passing of Linda
- 3 B. Alden on October 10, 1998; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Linda was born in Sheridan, Wyoming, on January 1, 1945,
- 5 to Mark and Hariett McManus; and
- 6 WHEREAS, After graduation from Sheridan High School in 1963, Linda
- 7 attended the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming; and
- 8 WHEREAS, In 1964, Linda returned to Sheridan and began working for
- 9 the County Assessor's Office which was the beginning of her career in
- 10 public service; and

1 WHEREAS, Many persons in this legislative body first met Linda during
2 the 1983 legislative session when she was hired by the Assembly as
3 Secretary to Speaker John Vergiels; and

4 WHEREAS, During that session, Linda impressed everyone with her
5 professional demeanor and outstanding work ethic and was offered and
6 accepted the position as Administrative Assistant to Chief Clerk Mouryne
7 Landing and Secretary of the Senate Janice Thomas; and

8 WHEREAS, Linda continued to work for the Nevada Legislature and the
9 Legislative Counsel Bureau in various capacities including Minute Clerk
10 and Journal Clerk for the Senate Front Desk, and Receptionist and Lobbyist
11 Registration Clerk for the Legislative Counsel Bureau; and

12 WHEREAS, Because of her excellent organizational skills, Linda was
13 recruited to assist in the coordination of the annual meeting of the National
14 Conference of State Legislatures that was hosted by Nevada in Reno in
15 1988; and

16 WHEREAS, Linda later moved to Denver, Colorado, where she worked
17 for the National Conference of State Legislatures for the record-breaking
18 period of 1 week, when she was reunited with her high school sweetheart
19 and moved from Denver to join him in Wyoming, thus leading to a
20 cherished moment in Linda's life, her marriage to Bruce Alden on
21 December 12, 1990; and

22 WHEREAS, After their marriage, Linda and Bruce lived together in
23 Wyoming for a short while before returning to Carson City in December
24 1992, when Linda became the Assembly Journal Clerk, a position she held
25 during the 1993 and 1995 legislative sessions; and

26 WHEREAS, During the interim between the 1993 and 1995 session,
27 Linda was hired as an Administrative Assistant for the late Jerry Kenney,
28 Chief of the Legislative Police; and

29 WHEREAS, On September 8, 1995, Linda's professional dream became a
30 reality when she was appointed to be the Chief Clerk of the Assembly upon
31 the retirement of former Chief Clerk, Mouryne Landing; and

32 WHEREAS, In November 1995, Linda was initially diagnosed with
33 ovarian cancer; and

34 WHEREAS, Many of her friends shared in the grief Linda experienced
35 upon learning that her son, Richie Ruff, had been killed on May 27, 1996,
36 by a drunk driver; and

37 WHEREAS, During the 1997 legislative session, Linda focused all of her
38 energy on the demands of her new position and continued to keep the
39 members of the Assembly on track as she successfully filled the shoes of
40 her role model and dear friend, Mouryne; and

1 WHEREAS, Linda treasured the friendship she shared with Joe and
2 Mouryne Dini, whose caring support was invaluable in helping Linda to
3 attain her professional goals and, more importantly, to face the personal
4 challenges in her life; and

5 WHEREAS, Of the many ways that Linda exhibited her natural wit and
6 true spirit, the finest example, not evident to the general public, was that
7 she often wore Mickey Mouse slippers while conducting business in the
8 Assembly Chambers; and

9 WHEREAS, With all of this said and done, the quintessential memory that
10 will be forever etched in the annals of legislative history is that in the
11 Assembly Chambers, on the occasion of Speaker Dini's 68th birthday in
12 1997, Linda B. Alden successfully transformed her front desk staff and the
13 Sergeant at Arms' staff into Macarena dancers, led by none other than, the
14 former Chief Clerk, Mouryne Landing Dini; and

15 WHEREAS, On October 10, 1998, Linda lost her courageous battle with
16 this deadly disease after years of fighting and, with her passing, Nevada lost
17 a friend whose bright smile and warm personality will forever be missed by
18 the members of this Legislature; and

19 WHEREAS, Linda is survived by her husband Bruce Alden, mother
20 Hariett McManus of Sheridan, Wyoming, sister Norma Dean of Lakewood,
21 Colorado, brother Jim McManus of Worland, Wyoming, daughter Nicki
22 Aaker of Dayton, Nevada, sons Marc Alden of Casper, Wyoming, and
23 Scott Alden of Billings, Montana, and six grandchildren; now, therefore, be
24 it

25 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
26 CONCURRING, That the members of the 70th legislative session offer their
27 sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends
28 of Linda B. Alden, a gracious, spirited, fun-loving lady who lived her life
29 with dignity and courage; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That it is with the utmost respect that this legislative body
31 offers its condolences and appreciation to Bruce Alden for his devotion and
32 the encouragement that he graciously offered to Linda throughout her
33 battle; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a
35 copy of this resolution to Linda's beloved husband Bruce Alden and to her
36 mother Hariett McManus.