

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, Segerblom, Thomas, Tiffany, Von Tobel and Williams

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

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

WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature and the Legislative Counsel Bureau were deeply saddened with the untimely passing of Linda B. Alden on October 10, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Linda was born in Sheridan, Wyoming, on January 1, 1945, to Mark and Hariett McManus; and

WHEREAS, After graduation from Sheridan High School in 1963, Linda attended the University of Wyoming in Laramie, Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Linda returned to Sheridan and began working for the County Assessor's Office which was the beginning of her career in public service; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Linda later moved to Denver, Colorado, where she worked for the National Conference of State Legislatures for the record-breaking period of 1 week, when she was reunited with her high school sweetheart and moved from Denver to join him in Wyoming, thus leading to a

cherished moment in Linda's life, her marriage to Bruce Alden on December 12, 1990; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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