

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 50—ASSEMBLYMEN GIUNCHIGLIANI, ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY, BACHE, BEERS, BERMAN, BROWER, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CEGAVSKE, CHOWNING, CLABORN, COLLINS, DE BRAGA, DINI, EVANS, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, 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

APRIL 23, 1999

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

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes former Speaker of the Assembly, Berkeley L. Bunker. (BDR R-1385)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing former Speaker of the Assembly, Berkeley L. Bunker.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature note with profound
- 2 sorrow the passing of native Nevadan and former Assemblyman Berkeley
- 3 L. Bunker on January 21, 1999; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The story of this native Nevadan began on August 12, 1906,
- 5 on a farm in the Moapa Valley hamlet of St. Thomas, where Berkeley
- 6 Bunker was born one of the 10 children of Martin and Helen Bunker,
- 7 pioneers who settled in St. Thomas in 1877; and
- 8 WHEREAS, In the 1920s, the Bunker family relocated to Las Vegas, a
- 9 railroad town with a population of just a few thousand whose future excited
- 10 Berkeley Bunker as he envisioned the possibilities which he would spend
- 11 most of his life helping to make reality; and

1 WHEREAS, After graduation from Las Vegas High School and time
2 spent as a missionary for his church, Berkeley Bunker married his high
3 school sweetheart, Lucille Whitehead, who was his partner for the next 55
4 years until her death in 1988; and

5 WHEREAS, Berkeley Bunker later married Della Lee, a long-time friend
6 and native of Panaca; and

7 WHEREAS, Berkeley Bunker was elected to the Nevada Assembly in
8 1936, 1938 and 1940, serving as Speaker of the Assembly during his
9 second term and also as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee; and

10 WHEREAS, Before serving his third term as Assemblyman, Berkeley
11 Bunker was appointed by Governor E. P. Carville to complete the term of
12 United States Senator Key Pittman; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1944, Berkeley Bunker won the only Nevada seat in the
14 United States House of Representatives; and

15 WHEREAS, After his career in politics, Berkeley Bunker, who did not
16 believe in retirement, continued as co-owner of Bunker Brothers Mortuary
17 and then as a bankruptcy trustee; and

18 WHEREAS, Berkeley Bunker's commitment to the community is
19 evidenced by his membership and service in numerous organizations such
20 as the Kiwanas Club, Rotary Club, Boy Scouts of America, American Red
21 Cross and American Cancer Society, as well as being past President of the
22 Las Vegas YMCA and national President of the Order of the Golden Rule;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Berkeley Bunker is survived by his beloved wife Della, his
25 daughters, Loretta Derrick and Ann Harris, his stepson, Dr. James Lee
26 Richards, his stepdaughter, Sharla Humphrey, his sister, Ann Shipley, as
27 well as 22 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
29 CONCURRING, That the members of the 70th Session of the Nevada
30 Legislature express their heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolences to the
31 family and friends of former Assemblyman Berkeley Bunker; and be it
32 further

33 RESOLVED, That Berkeley Bunker will long be remembered with the
34 highest regard for his integrity, sense of humor and positive outlook as well
35 as the rich legacy of his service to the community of Las Vegas and to the
36 State of Nevada; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a
38 copy of this resolution to Berkeley Bunker's family.