

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 52–Assemblyman Lee

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing the former Mayor of the City of North Las Vegas, James Kent Seastrand.

WHEREAS, Nevadans were deeply saddened by the passing of Jim Seastrand on November 2, 1997; and

WHEREAS, James “Jim” Kent Seastrand was born in American Fork, Utah, on June 24, 1929; and

WHEREAS, Following his graduation from American Fork High School, Jim Seastrand attended L.D.S. Business College in Salt Lake City, Utah, and graduated in 1954 from Brigham Young University, earning a degree in marketing and business administration; and

WHEREAS, After serving as an officer and Mormon Chaplain in the United States Air Force during the Korean War and attaining the rank of captain, Jim Seastrand began a successful career in business as the owner and President of Vegas Village Shopping Corporation, and earned the trust of many in his community; and

WHEREAS, His unquestioned integrity led to his appointment to fill a vacancy on the North Las Vegas City Council in 1973 when North Las Vegas was a relatively nondescript city in the shadows of Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, After serving on the North Las Vegas City Council for 6 1/2 years, Jim Seastrand was elected Mayor, and served the city for 16 years in that office; and

WHEREAS, Under the diplomatic leadership of Jim Seastrand, the downtown area of North Las Vegas was revitalized by the initiation of an ambitious redevelopment program and the vast northern valley was opened up for the development of planned communities; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Seastrand used his training in management and business as a force in stabilizing the resulting growth of the city as it doubled its population during his 22 1/2 years of public service; and

WHEREAS, As Mayor, Jim Seastrand strove to represent all of the residents in the community and helped initiate programs such as “Make a Difference Day” which put city employees into the community for service work; and

WHEREAS, Jim Seastrand helped bring his city out of the shadows of Las Vegas and give the community its own identity and positive image; and

WHEREAS, Because of his many accomplishments and contributions to his community and this state, Jim Seastrand was honored in 1990 as “Nevada Public Official of the Year”; and

WHEREAS, In his capacity as a leader in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Jim Seastrand served as a Bishop, a Regional Representative of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, a District President in the British Mission, President of the North Las Vegas Stake and Mission Leader for his ward, and Chairman of the Las Vegas Temple Building

Committee, and he authored the religious book *Journey to Eternal Life and Distractions Along the Way*; and

WHEREAS, Jim Seastrand was further involved in his community as Chairman of the Nellis Air Force Base Civilian Military Council, as a member of the Nevada Development Authority Executive Board and as a Board Member of the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority; and

WHEREAS, Jim Seastrand received the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America in recognition of his contributions to the young people of that organization, including his persistent encouragement to all young people to get involved in politics so that they could make a difference in the world; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, while serving as the Chairman of the Lake Mead Hospital Medical Center, Jim Seastrand was presented with the commendation of "Trustee of Excellence" for his contributions to that organization; and

WHEREAS, Jim Seastrand received an Honorary Doctorate Degree from National University and an Honorary Associate's Degree from Clark County Community College for his efforts in the field of education; and

WHEREAS, In 1997, Jim Seastrand was presented with the illustrious Emeritus Special Recognition Award by his alma mater for his community service as a businessman and public official; and

WHEREAS, The "Jim Seastrand Helping Hands of North Las Vegas" volunteer organization was formed by the members of the Nevada Commission on Aging to aid disabled, elderly and frail persons, in tribute to his work in that field and his recent service as a member of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Jim Seastrand is survived by his wife of more than 40 years, Rosel, his daughter, Pamela Shelline of St. George, Utah, his sons, Scott, Douglas and Russell Seastrand, all of Las Vegas, and 15 grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada Legislature offer their sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of James "Jim" Seastrand, a man who left a legacy of public service, leading by example and unselfish sharing with his family, his church, his community and his state; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Jim Seastrand's beloved wife, Rosel.