

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 59—ASSEMBLYMEN SEGERBLOM, ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY, BACHE, BEERS, BERMAN, BROWER, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CEGAVSKE, CHOWNING, CLABORN, COLLINS, DE BRAGA, DINI, EVANS, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOLDWATER, GUSTAVSON, HETTRICK, HUMKE, KOIVISTO, LEE, LESLIE, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, NEIGHBORS, NOLAN, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PERKINS, PRICE, THOMAS, TIFFANY, VON TOBEL AND WILLIAMS

MAY 3, 1999

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes former Assemblyman R. Guild Gray. (BDR R-1377)

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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 Assemblyman R. Guild Gray.

- 1 WHEREAS, On March 23, 1998, the residents of the State of Nevada
- 2 were saddened by the passing of poet, historian, educator and former
- 3 Assemblyman R. Guild Gray; and
- 4 WHEREAS, R. Guild Gray was born in Peoria, Illinois, on September 2,
- 5 1911, and grew up near Reno where his parents settled in 1913; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The formal education of R. Guild Gray took place in the
- 7 elementary and secondary schools in Reno, the University of Nevada,
- 8 Stanford University, University of Southern California and the College of
- 9 the Pacific, but his lifelong love of Nevada and understanding of life came
- 10 from the education he received roaming the deserts and mountains of this
- 11 state; and

1 WHEREAS, R. Guild Gray was superintendent of the Las Vegas Union
2 School District No. 2 from 1953 to 1956 before becoming superintendent
3 of the newly consolidated Clark County School District, a position he held
4 until 1961; and

5 WHEREAS, R. Guild Gray was elected to the Nevada Assembly in 1963
6 and served until 1966, including the Special Sessions of 1964, 1965 and
7 1966, during which time he was a member of the committees on Building
8 and Construction, Education, Elections, Public Health and Public Morals,
9 and Taxation; and

10 WHEREAS, The business world knew R. Guild Gray as a savings and
11 loan executive but many people, especially the students at the Gray
12 Elementary School in Las Vegas which was named in his honor, knew him
13 as a reservoir of knowledge of Nevada history and lore; and

14 WHEREAS, The deep passion R. Guild Gray had for Nevada became
15 apparent to the world in the books he authored, including *The Treble V*, a
16 story containing the history and legends of cattle ranchers in northeastern
17 Nevada, and *Nature Sings*, a collection of Gray's poetry and photographs
18 of the Great Basin filled with his reflections on life and death; and

19 WHEREAS, R. Guild Gray is survived by his daughter, Irmalee Ross, and
20 his son, Gary Gray, both of Las Vegas and his sister, Juanita Jensen of
21 Reno; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
23 CONCURRING, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada
24 Legislature express their deepest sympathy to the family of R. Guild Gray
25 including his children, Irmalee Ross and Gary Gray, his sister, Juanita
26 Jensen, his grandchildren and his great-grandchild; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the love of Nevada expressed in numerous ways by R.
28 Guild Gray throughout his life may live on in the hearts of those who knew
29 him and those who continue to be inspired and taught by his published
30 works; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the residents of Nevada hold the memory of R. Guild
32 Gray as someone he described in a poem from *Nature Sings*:
33 Blessed

34 Are those who sing at daily toil,
35 Who find a joy in tasks begun,
36 Who know their sunlit paths will end
37 With pride in goodly works well done.

38 And be it further

39 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a
40 copy of this resolution to the children of R. Guild Gray, Irmalee Ross and
41 Gary Gray, his sister, Juanita Jensen, and the R. Guild Gray Elementary
42 School.