

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 63—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

Joint Sponsors: Senators Porter, Amodei, Care, Carlton, Coffin, Jacobsen, James, Mathews, McGinness, Neal, O’Connell, O’Donnell, Raggio, Rawson, Rhoads, Schneider, Shaffer, Titus, Townsend, Washington and Wiener

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing former Assemblywoman Juanita Greer White.

WHEREAS, On September 18, 1997, the residents of the State of Nevada lost a dedicated champion of higher education with the passing of former Assemblywoman Juanita Greer White; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Greer White, who was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on November 19, 1905, is said to have baked cakes as a child to help her mother with a campaign that eventually gave women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS, After being refused entry to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology because she was a woman, Juanita Greer White applied and was accepted to Johns Hopkins University where she earned her doctorate in chemistry in 1929; and

WHEREAS, After teaching college classes in Virginia, New York, Georgia and Connecticut, Juanita Greer White moved to Southern Nevada with her husband, Thomas Sherman White, M.D., in 1956 and quickly began pursuing her personal goal of enhancing opportunities for higher education; and

WHEREAS, The role of Juanita Greer White as a charter member of the Nevada Southern University Land Foundation from 1966 to 1971 helped secure 300 acres for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, which now includes a life sciences building named in her honor in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Greer White was elected twice to the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, serving from 1963 to 1971, during which time the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, grew from an extension campus of the University of Nevada, Reno, to a 4-year, degree-granting university and rival of the University of Nevada, Reno; and

WHEREAS, The passion of Juanita Greer White in the area of education was also evident by her service on the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education from 1965 to 1971 and as president of the Nevada State Division of the American Association of University Women from 1963 to 1965; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Greer White was elected to the Assembly of the Nevada Legislature and served during the 1971 session on the committees on Education, Elections and Health and Welfare; and

WHEREAS, Bills and resolutions sponsored by Juanita Greer White during her term in the Assembly included measures to improve public education in the State of Nevada and promote the rights and recognition of women and minorities; and

WHEREAS, Juanita Greer White is survived by her daughter, Sally Johnston of Fredericksburg, Texas; 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 express their deepest sympathy to the family of Juanita Greer White including her daughter, her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Juanita Greer White will be remembered as a pioneer of women in the field of science and a strong advocate of higher education who, through personal commitment and hard work, left an indelible mark on public education in the State of Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Sally Johnston, the daughter of Juanita Greer White.

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