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SUMMARY—Commends Nevada Opera and founders Ted and Deena Puffer upon 30 years of success. (BDR R-1702)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commending the Nevada Opera and its founders, Ted and Deena Puffer, upon 30 years of success.

1 WHEREAS, The Nevada Opera had its debut season in 1968 and since
2 that time has grown into a nationally recognized regional opera company;
3 and
4 WHEREAS, The founders of the Nevada Opera, Ted Puffer, Artistic
5 Director, and Deena Puffer, Associate Producer, had a vision in 1967 and,
6 with the help of a handful of volunteers, worked tirelessly over the years to
7 develop the company to the level of offering three professionally-produced
8 traditional operas each season, an annual performance of *The Nutcracker*
9 ballet, as well as the production of lighter and more contemporary works;
10 and

1 WHEREAS, The Nevada Opera has to its credit over 120 main-stage
2 productions, including presentations as diverse as Verdi's *Requiem* and
3 Bizet's *Carmen* to Carlisle Floyd's *Of Mice and Men*, and summer
4 musicals starring such accomplished artists as Toni Tennille and Broadway
5 legend John Raitt; and

6 WHEREAS, The Nevada Opera has produced two acclaimed American
7 premieres, Busoni's *Doktor Faust* and Tchaikovsky's *Joan of Arc*; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1993 the team of Ted and Deena Puffer presented the
9 Nevada Opera's first commissioned work, the 25th Anniversary of the
10 World Premiere of Bern Herbolsheimer's *Mark Me Twain*; and

11 WHEREAS, Ted Puffer, known for his work as stage director, conductor,
12 concert pianist, accompanist, tenor soloist and, more recently, world-
13 renowned vocal coach, mentored Nevada Opera's young artist graduates
14 who have gone on to make their European opera debuts, most notably the
15 internationally-famous mezzo soprano Dolora Zajick; and

16 WHEREAS, The Nevada Opera has an educational outreach mission
17 which led it to institute the Nevada Opera Youth Chorus in 1994, a formal
18 program that provides professional training in the arts of voice,
19 musicianship, theater and movement for talented youngsters ages 8 through
20 18 years; and

21 WHEREAS, The Nevada Opera has a new program called the Nevada
22 Opera Studio, which reaches into the local community with special
23 programs designed for elementary, middle and high school levels, and
24 which also tours the smaller outlying communities in Northern Nevada;
25 now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
27 CONCURRING, That the Nevada Opera is hereby commended for its 30
28 years of first-class presentations to Northern Nevada audiences and
29 especially for its presentations to the children in the local community and
30 the rural areas; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That Ted and Deena Puffer are hereby congratulated and
32 honored for their many years of dedication during which they shared their
33 vast knowledge and tremendous talents to make the Nevada Opera the first-
34 class company that it is today; and be it further

35 RESOLVED, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada
36 Legislature urge the residents of Northern Nevada to attend the Nevada
37 Opera performances and show their support for its great contributions to
38 the arts and culture of this state; and be it further

39 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit
40 copies of this resolution to the Board of Directors of the Nevada Opera and
41 to Ted Puffer and Deena Puffer.