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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Commends Nevada businessman and inventor Paul C. Fisher. (BDR R-1724)

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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 Nevada businessman and inventor Paul C. Fisher.

- 1 WHEREAS, Paul C. Fisher, the inventor of the pressurized Fisher Space
- 2 Pen, was born on October 10, 1913, in Lebanon, Kansas; and
- 3 WHEREAS, After attending college for 3 years, Paul Fisher interrupted
- 4 his education to work full time at the Cedar Rapids Bakery, where he
- 5 served as General Manager from 1936 to 1938; and
- 6 WHEREAS, In 1938, Paul Fisher returned to Kansas State University in
- 7 Manhattan, Kansas, and received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1939;
- 8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, During World War II, Paul Fisher was General Manager and
- 10 Assistant to the President of Aetna Ball Bearing Manufacturing Company,
- 11 which manufactured bearings for propellers, jeeps, tanks, naval guns and

1 other military equipment and which received the "E Award" from the War
2 Production Board of the United States for efficient war production; and

3 WHEREAS, In October 1945, after Milton Reynolds of the Reynolds
4 International Pen Company introduced the Reynolds BallPoint Pen, an
5 amazing new invention that earned millions of dollars for his company in
6 the next 3 months but proved defective, Paul Fisher was asked by Reynolds
7 to help design a new ball pen and later became Reynolds' main supplier of
8 parts for that pen; and

9 WHEREAS, With encouragement from the top officers of Reynolds
10 International Pen Company to invent "the writing instrument of the future,"
11 Paul Fisher began his efforts to improve the ball pen, which is a project that
12 he continues to this day; and

13 WHEREAS, To finance his continued research, Paul Fisher designed his
14 famous Bullet Pens, founded the Fisher Pen Company as a division of
15 Fisher Armour Manufacturing Company and began manufacturing Fisher
16 Pens in October 1948; and

17 WHEREAS, As President and owner of Fisher Space Pen Company of
18 Boulder City, Nevada, Paul Fisher has helped design and build many
19 special tools and automatic machines and has several valuable patents,
20 including patents covering inks, improved ballpoint pens, the erasable ball
21 pens and the pressurized Space Pens that are used on all manned space
22 flights; and

23 WHEREAS, Paul Fisher was recognized as Nevada Small Business
24 Person of the Year in 1980 by the United States Small Business
25 Administration, the Nevada Exporter of the Year in 1995 by Governor Bob
26 Miller and the Nevada Inventor of the Year in 1997 by the Nevada
27 Technology Council; and

28 WHEREAS, One of Paul Fisher's inventions was named the Product of
29 the Year in 1996 by *Imagining Magazine*, and the Fisher Space Pen
30 Company was selected as one of Nevada's top 100 private companies in
31 1998 by the Las Vegas 100; now, therefore, be it

32 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
33 CONCURRING, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada
34 Legislature do hereby commend Paul C. Fisher for his enterprising and
35 inventive spirit which has contributed in many ways to this country and,
36 especially, to the State of Nevada; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That the residents of this state recognize Paul Fisher as a
38 model of what one person with a passion can accomplish; and be it further

39 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a
40 copy of this resolution to Paul C. Fisher.