

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 76—ASSEMBLYMEN GIUNCHIGLIANI, ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY, BACHE, BEERS, BERMAN, BROWER, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CEGAVSKE, CHOWNING, CLABORN, COLLINS, DE BRAGA, DINI, EVANS, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, GOLDWATER, GUSTAVSON, HETTRICK, HUMKE, KOIVISTO, LEE, LESLIE, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, NEIGHBORS, NOLAN, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PERKINS, PRICE, SEGERBLUM, THOMAS, TIFFANY, VON TOBEL AND WILLIAMS

MAY 27, 1999

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS TITUS, AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, JACOBSEN, JAMES, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NEAL, O'CONNELL, O'DONNELL, PORTER, RAGGIO, RAWSON, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Commends Claude “Blackie” Evans for his public service to people in this state.
(BDR R-1772)

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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 Claude “Blackie” Evans for his public service to people in this state.

- 1 WHEREAS, Claude “Blackie” Evans was born in Joplin, Missouri, on
- 2 November 11, 1935, to Homer and Gertrude Evans, and was the oldest of
- 3 three children; and
- 4 WHEREAS, On September 7, 1953, Blackie Evans married his childhood
- 5 sweetheart, Carolyn, and later that same year the Evans family moved to
- 6 Nevada where Blackie began a long and distinguished career in the labor
- 7 movement, beginning as a laborer and then as a lathe operator at the
- 8 Titanium Metal Corporation in Henderson, Nevada; and
- 9 WHEREAS, After working as a shop steward with the United Steel
- 10 Workers of America Local #4856, Blackie Evans was recognized for his

1 dedication to the labor movement by being elected President of the
2 Steelworkers Union Local #4856 in 1963, the youngest ever to be elected
3 to such a responsible position; and

4 WHEREAS, Blackie Evans' interest in labor relations grew as he became
5 certified in several related fields including Arbitration Preparation by the
6 United Steelworkers of America in 1971, College of Worker's
7 Compensation in 1974, Management for Government Administrators at the
8 Professional Institute of the American Management Association in 1975,
9 Mine Safety by the United States Department of Labor in 1975, Media
10 Relations at the George Meany Center for Labor Studies in 1976 and since
11 1983 he has been involved in the Degree Program at the George Meany
12 Center for Labor Studies; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1971, Blackie Evans was appointed by Governor Mike
14 O'Callaghan as Labor Commissioner of the Nevada Industrial Commission,
15 and during the next 7 years in this position, Blackie administered an
16 operating budget in excess of \$20 million per year with an investment
17 portfolio exceeding \$400 million; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1978, Blackie Evans became the Chief Executive Officer
19 of the State of Nevada AFL-CIO, the state labor organization that consists
20 of approximately 150 local unions with 120,000 members; and

21 WHEREAS, While in that office, Blackie Evans maintained and balanced
22 an annual operating budget in excess of \$500,000, served as liaison to the
23 National AFL-CIO, National Labor Relations Board, local unions and
24 political candidates and officials, administered statewide political action
25 and education campaigns to endorse and elect political candidates,
26 proposed legislation and served as a lobbyist in the Nevada Legislature
27 supporting legislation which would benefit union members; and

28 WHEREAS, Blackie Evans has served this state in many ways, including
29 his membership on the State Mine Safety Advisory Board in 1969, the State
30 Job Training Board from 1979 to 1982, the Vocation Education Board
31 from 1980 to 1983, the State Industrial Insurance System Board of
32 Directors from 1979 to 1993, the Federal Solar Energy Education Board in
33 1994 and the General Executive Board of the National AFL-CIO from
34 1996 to 1998; and

35 WHEREAS, Claude "Blackie" Evans is recognized as an expert in matters
36 of labor and management relations, contract negotiations and as a
37 legislative lobbyist, having spent his entire lifetime combining practical
38 experience, specialized training and formal education in all related fields of
39 labor relations; now, therefore, be it

40 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
41 CONCURRING, That Claude "Blackie" Evans is hereby congratulated for his
42 public service to Nevada and for his loyalty and dedication to the needs of
43 members of unions within the State of Nevada; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That Blackie Evans has been a leader among leaders and has
2 contributed a lifetime of energy, skill and knowledge to the legislative
3 process as he worked diligently to provide the Nevada Legislature with an
4 understanding of the many concerns of hardworking men and women in
5 Nevada; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That this Legislature appreciates the exceptional knowledge
7 of all areas of labor relations and management that Blackie Evans has
8 contributed to the political exchange of ideas from which state public
9 policy is formed; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That, on the occasion of Blackie Evans' retirement as Chief
11 Executive Officer of the State of Nevada AFL-CIO in July of this year, the
12 Nevada Legislature wishes Blackie many hours of relaxation and fun with
13 his wife, his four children, Steve, Cherie, Seanna and Lisa, and his four
14 grandchildren, Brittany, Cierra, Alex and Geena; and be it further

15 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to Claude
16 "Blackie" Evans.

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