

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—SENATORS RAGGIO, AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, JACOBSEN, JAMES, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NEAL, O’CONNELL, O’DONNELL, PORTER, RAWSON, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

MARCH 12, 1999

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes distinguished educator, Edward Ward Van Gorder. (BDR R-87)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing distinguished educator, Edward Ward Van Gorder.

- 1 WHEREAS, The people of the State of Nevada suffered a tremendous
- 2 loss with the passing of Edward Ward Van Gorder on December 9, 1997;
- 3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, Edward Van Gorder was born in Ithaca, New York, on
- 5 January 24, 1926, to Walter and Bessie Van Gorder; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Ed Van Gorder graduated from Ithaca High School in 1944
- 7 and attended Ithaca College where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree
- 8 with a major in Physical Education, and a Master’s Degree in 1957; and

1 WHEREAS, Ed Van Gorder was employed by Reno School District No.
2 10 in September 1948 as a teacher and coach and served 15 years as a
3 coach, science teacher and counselor at B.D. Billingshurst Junior High
4 School; and

5 WHEREAS, Ed Van Gorder received counseling and administration
6 certificates after attending the University of Nevada, Reno, from 1962 until
7 1966 and in 1963 was appointed Principal of Hunter Lake Elementary
8 School in Reno where he served until his retirement in 1984; and

9 WHEREAS, After his retirement, Ed Van Gorder was elected to the
10 Board of School Trustees of the Washoe County School District in 1984
11 and was re-elected in 1992, serving as President, Vice President and Clerk;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Ed Van Gorder was a member of the National Association
14 of Elementary Principals and the Nevada Association of School
15 Administrators; and

16 WHEREAS, This dedicated public servant was also active in civic
17 organizations including the B.P.O. Elks Lodge, Optimist Club, Reno Board
18 of Realtors, Nevada Association of School Boards and was a life member
19 of the Parent-Teacher Association; and

20 WHEREAS, Ed Van Gorder received numerous awards throughout his
21 life recognizing him for his contributions to education including the Award
22 of Excellence from the Hunter Lake PTA, Washoe County Teachers
23 Association Dedicated Performance Award, Nevada Association of School
24 Boards Meritorious Service Award, ROTC High Schools' Leadership
25 Excellence Award, Sierra Council PTA Award and the Optimist
26 International Award; and

27 WHEREAS, The love and respect that Ed Van Gorder received from his
28 students was expressed simply by District Court Judge Charles McGee
29 who was quoted as saying, "For hundreds of us who came to the hardwood
30 floors of the old Billingshurst gym, for those who came there and received
31 our first lessons in life and discipline and laughter, for us Ed Van Gorder
32 was just 'coach.'"; and

33 WHEREAS, Ed Van Gorder is survived by his wife Jan and sons Bill
34 Whitney of Reno and Robert Van Gorder of Fairfax, Virginia, daughters
35 Kristi Van Gorder of Cedar Falls, Iowa, Cathy Heemansen of Moraga,
36 California, Victoria Wilson and Cynthia Hanlon, both of Los Angeles,
37 California, brother Melvin Van Gorder of Ithaca, New York, six
38 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews; now, therefore, be it

39 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
40 CONCURRING, That Edward Ward Van Gorder will forever be
41 remembered with highest regard by residents of this state and the many
42 pupils who benefited from his dedication and commitment to education;
43 and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That the members of this body express their deepest
- 2 sympathies and extend their sincere condolences to Edward Ward Van
- 3 Gorder's beloved wife Jan and family; and be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a
- 5 copy of this resolution to Jan Van Gorder.

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