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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes Nevada artist and public servant Thelma Davis Calhoun. (BDR R-1686)

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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 Nevada artist and public servant Thelma Davis Calhoun.

- 1 WHEREAS, On October 25, 1998, the residents of the State of Nevada
- 2 lost a gifted artist and dedicated servant of the state with the passing of
- 3 Thelma Davis Calhoun; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Thelma Davis Calhoun was born in Warren, Ohio, on August
- 5 19, 1913, to Grant and Mary Davis and received her education in Ohio
- 6 before moving to Nevada with her husband, Jim Calhoun, in 1940; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Some of the varied positions held by this multi-talented
- 8 woman included Secretary to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction

1 in 1945, Administrative Assistant to the Director of Indian Education from
2 1947 to 1948, Research Assistant in the newly established Legislative
3 Counsel Bureau from 1948 to 1954 and Deputy United States Marshal from
4 1957 to 1960, for which she proudly toted a gun; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1966, Thelma Calhoun was elected to the Carson City
6 Council which at that time was working on the difficult and complex task of
7 consolidation of Carson City and Ormsby County and was later elected to
8 the Carson City Board of Supervisors where she served as Mayor Pro
9 Tempore from 1977 to 1978; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to numerous other awards, Thelma Calhoun
11 received the Distinguished Nevadan Award from the University of Nevada
12 in 1978 and was named Woman of the Year in 1979 by the Carson City
13 Chamber of Commerce; and

14 WHEREAS, Thelma Calhoun's strength and determination were evident
15 in the tenacious drive which resulted in legislation that created the Nevada
16 State Council on the Arts, now the State Arts Council, and it was the same
17 dedication that led to the procurement of a public works grant for the
18 establishment of the Brewery Arts Center in Carson City, which owes its
19 existence in great part to her efforts; and

20 WHEREAS, Creativity was a fundamental part of her life, and as an artist,
21 the legacy of Thelma Calhoun lives on in a sizeable body of paintings,
22 drawings and prints, including her accurately detailed depictions of many
23 historic buildings in Carson City and Virginia City; and

24 WHEREAS, Her artwork was characterized by careful attention to detail,
25 a sound sense of composition and lively color, as evidenced in the piece
26 which graced the cover of the Nevada Bell telephone directory for Reno's
27 Centennial Year in 1968 and other pieces which can now be found, among
28 other places, in the Carson City Community Center and the Brewery Arts
29 Center and on the cover of the *Political History of Nevada, 1996, Tenth*
30 *Edition*; and

31 WHEREAS, Thelma Calhoun is survived by her daughter, Patricia Ariaz
32 of Reno, her son, James Grant Calhoun of Carson City, five grandchildren
33 and ten great-grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

34 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
35 CONCURRING, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada
36 Legislature express their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the
37 versatile Thelma Davis Calhoun; and be it further

38 RESOLVED, That the artwork and other civic achievements of Thelma
39 Davis Calhoun visible in the State of Nevada will always serve as a
40 reminder of her devotion to Nevada and the many ways she so generously
41 and wholeheartedly served the residents of this state; and be it further

- 1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy
- 2 of this resolution to Thelma Calhoun's daughter, Patricia Ariaz, and her
- 3 son, James Grant Calhoun.

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