

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 41—SENATORS JACOBSEN, AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, JAMES, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NEAL, O’CONNELL, O’DONNELL, PORTER, RAGGIO, RAWSON, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

MAY 7, 1999

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes Matthew C. Benson. (BDR R-1524)

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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 prominent Nevada rancher Matthew C. Benson.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature were deeply
- 2 saddened by the passing of Matthew C. Benson on February 9, 1998; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Matthew C. Benson was born in Ely, Nevada, on April 27,
- 4 1922, and graduated from White Pine County High School in 1940; and
- 5 WHEREAS, During World War II, Matt Benson served as a United States
- 6 Navy Communications Officer in the South Pacific Amphibious Forces,
- 7 and it was during this time of service that Matt Benson married Peggy
- 8 Joyce Sorenson on a 5-day leave in June 1944; and

1 WHEREAS, After graduating from Utah State Agricultural College with a
2 Bachelor of Science degree in range management, Matt Benson worked for
3 3 years with the United States Soil Conservation Service as a range
4 conservationist; and

5 WHEREAS, Matt Benson was hired as assistant manager and then as
6 manager of the Marble Ranches in Elko County from 1954 to 1964,
7 followed by 24 years as manager of the Heritage Ranch in Gardnerville
8 which retained him as a consultant after his retirement in 1988; and

9 WHEREAS, Matt Benson was honored as Man of the Year for Carson
10 Valley Days in 1986 and served as Carson Valley Days Grand Marshal in
11 1987; and

12 WHEREAS, An active member of the Nevada Cattlemen's Association
13 and the National Cattlemen's Association for 30 years, Matt Benson was
14 honored as Cattleman of the Year in 1990; and

15 WHEREAS, Matt Benson's knowledge of ranching and agriculture was a
16 tremendous asset to the community as he gave his time and energy as a
17 member of the Douglas County Farm Bureau and the Eureka County Farm
18 Bureau, both of which he also served as president, the Heil Commission for
19 Wild Horse Preservation, the University of Nevada Agricultural College
20 Advisory Committee and various other committees and organizations; and

21 WHEREAS, To many who knew him, Matt Benson typified the model of
22 a Nevada cowboy and rancher who loved sharing his experiences by
23 organizing trail rides and hayrides, during which he would inevitably be
24 part of a sing-along that always included, at his request, the Nevada state
25 song, "Home Means Nevada"; and

26 WHEREAS, Matt Benson is survived by his wife, Peggy, his children,
27 Ken Benson of Baker, Oregon, Julie Ann Ward of Sheridan, Montana,
28 Nancy Alley of Gardnerville, his brother, Jim Benson of Ely and eight
29 grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

30 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
31 CONCURRING, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada
32 Legislature express their deepest sympathy to the family of Matthew C.
33 Benson; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That Matt Benson will be remembered for the many ways he
35 shared his love for and knowledge of ranching as well as for the laughter
36 and fun he brought into the lives of those who knew him; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy
38 of this resolution to his wife, Peggy, and his children, Ken, Nancy and
39 Julie.