

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 12—ASSEMBLYMEN ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY, BACHE, BEERS, BERMAN, BROWER, BROWN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CEGAVSKE, CHOWNING, CLABORN, COLLINS, DE BRAGA, DINI, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOLDWATER, GUSTAVSON, HETTRICK, HUMKE, KOIVISTO, LEE, LESLIE, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, NEIGHBORS, NOLAN, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PERKINS, PRICE, SMITH, TIFFANY, VON TOBEL AND WILLIAMS

MARCH 15, 2001

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes long-time educator and native Nevadan, Orsie S. Graves.  
(BDR R-230)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing long-time educator and native Nevadan, Orsie S. Graves.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature were deeply
- 2 saddened by the passing of Orsie S. Graves on May 10, 2000, one of
- 3 Sparks High School's most influential educators; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Orsie S. Graves, a native Nevadan, was born on March 15,
- 5 1922, in Sparks, to Orsie M. and Pearl (Casey) Graves; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Orsie Graves graduated from Sparks High School in 1940
- 7 and later joined the United States Army Air Corps where he served his
- 8 country during World War II as a pilot; and
- 9 WHEREAS, In 1948, Orsie Graves earned his Bachelor's Degree from
- 10 the University of Nevada and continued his education by attending classes
- 11 at San Jose State University and the University of Nevada where he
- 12 received his Master's Degree in 1965; and



1 WHEREAS, Following college and his service in the military, Orsie  
2 Graves taught in junior high schools in Fallon and Sparks before becoming  
3 a teacher and basketball coach at Sparks High School in 1956; and

4 WHEREAS, During his 12 years as basketball coach at Sparks High  
5 School, Orsie Graves earned a reputation as a tough and talented coach  
6 who encouraged his players to excel in the classroom, as well as on the  
7 court; and

8 WHEREAS, After leaving his coaching days behind, Orsie Graves  
9 continued his career in education for another 17 years as Acting Vice  
10 Principal, Dean of Students and Vice Principal at Sparks High School  
11 where he touched the lives of a generation of students and encouraged  
12 them to be the best that they could be; and

13 WHEREAS, Following his retirement from the Washoe County School  
14 District in 1985, Orsie Graves and his wife, Lois, devoted a considerable  
15 amount of time and energy toward the development of the Sparks Heritage  
16 Museum; and

17 WHEREAS, The love and respect that Orsie Graves received from his  
18 students was expressed simply by the Mayor of the City of Sparks, Tony  
19 Armstrong, a former student of Graves, who was quoted as saying, "I was  
20 one of those students who you had to take a 2-by-4 and hit me in the head  
21 to make me understand. Orsie was one of those who picked up that 2-by-4.  
22 He never gave up on me and spent a lot a time with me."; and

23 WHEREAS, Orsie Graves is survived by his wife, Lois, son, Brad,  
24 daughters, Tricia Grinsell and Leslie Moya, and sister, Bonnie Pettengill,  
25 all of Reno, son, Ed Henrickson of Hawaii, and seven grandchildren; now,  
26 therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE  
28 CONCURRING, That the members of the 71st session of the Nevada  
29 Legislature do hereby extend their sincere condolences to the family and  
30 friends of Orsie S. Graves; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That Orsie Graves will long be remembered for his  
32 contribution to education and athletics at Sparks High School and for the  
33 compassion and understanding that he generously gave to his students and  
34 friends throughout his life; and be it further

35 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit  
36 a copy of this resolution to Orsie Graves' loving wife, Lois.

