

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, Oceguela, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Perkins, Price, Smith, Tiffany, Von Tobel and Williams

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

WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature were deeply saddened by the passing of Orsie S. Graves on May 10, 2000, one of Sparks High School's most influential educators; and

WHEREAS, Orsie S. Graves, a native Nevadan, was born on March 15, 1922, in Sparks, to Orsie M. and Pearl (Casey) Graves; and

WHEREAS, Orsie Graves graduated from Sparks High School in 1940 and later joined the United States Army Air Corps where he served his country during World War II as a pilot; and

WHEREAS, In 1948, Orsie Graves earned his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Nevada and continued his education by attending classes at San Jose State University and the University of Nevada where he received his Master's Degree in 1965; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The love and respect that Orsie Graves received from his students was expressed simply by the Mayor of the City of Sparks, Tony Armstrong, a former student of Graves, who was quoted as saying, "I was one of those students who you had to take a 2-by-4 and hit me in the head

to make me understand. Orsie was one of those who picked up that 2-by-4. He never gave up on me and spent a lot a time with me.”; and

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

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

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

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