

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 29—ASSEMBLYMEN PRICE, 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, SMITH, TIFFANY, VON TOBEL AND WILLIAMS

MAY 4, 2001

JOINT SPONSORS: 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

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes former Speaker of the Assembly Paul W. May, Jr. (BDR R-810)

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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 former Speaker of the Assembly Paul W. May, Jr.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature note with profound
- 2 sorrow the passing of former Speaker of the Assembly Paul W. May, Jr.,
- 3 on November 14, 2000; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Paul W. May, Jr., was born on January 2, 1928, in the scenic
- 5 mountain community of Hot Springs, Virginia, and moved to North Las
- 6 Vegas in 1943; and
- 7 WHEREAS, After graduation from Las Vegas High School, Paul May
- 8 spent 3 years in the United States Army where he studied cryptography;
- 9 and
- 10 WHEREAS, Following his service in the military, Paul May built a career
- 11 as a real estate agent and broker and as a lobbyist for the City of North Las
- 12 Vegas; and



1 WHEREAS, Paul May was first elected to the Nevada Assembly in 1966
2 and represented District 19 until 1984, addressing crime, tax relief and
3 traffic as some of the major issues in Clark County; and

4 WHEREAS, As Speaker of the Assembly in 1979, Paul May was
5 responsible for a memorable moment at the end of the 1979 legislative
6 session when he put a towel over the clock so Assembly members would
7 not get paid for an extra day of per diem as the session moved past
8 midnight, resulting in legislative histories describing that as the year the
9 Assembly lasted 134 days and the Senate lasted 135 days, even though
10 they both ended at the same time; and

11 WHEREAS, Paul May chaired the Assembly Standing Committee on
12 Taxation for 6 of the 10 regular sessions he served, and while he was
13 Chairman in 1981, the Legislature approved the "tax shift" which lowered
14 property taxes and raised sales taxes in reaction to a similar move in
15 California, resulting in a reduction in Nevada's property taxes to among the
16 lowest in the nation; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1986, Paul May was elected to his 10th and final term in
18 the Assembly, and, because of his expertise in tax matters, became known
19 as the "Father of Bullfrog County," with his sponsorship of legislation in
20 1987 that was designed to obtain additional federal money for the State of
21 Nevada; and

22 WHEREAS, Paul's commitment to his community is evidenced by his
23 sponsorship of successful legislation to locate the first campus of the
24 Community College of Southern Nevada in North Las Vegas and his
25 appointments to the Clark County Commission in 1984 and the North Las
26 Vegas City Council in 1985; and

27 WHEREAS, Paul was actively involved in his community through his
28 membership in numerous organizations, such as the Las Vegas Elks,
29 American Legion, North Las Vegas Township Democratic Club, the Air
30 Force Association and the Masons; and

31 WHEREAS, As a resident of Nevada for 57 years, Paul's love for this
32 state, its past and present, led to his collection of Nevadiana and his fame
33 as a known authority on Nevada history, particularly some of its
34 fascinating, lesser-known details; and

35 WHEREAS, Often referred to as a genuine "Virginia Gentleman" by his
36 colleagues, Paul's political leadership and character were noted by former
37 Governor Mike O'Callaghan who remembered him as a "low-key leader
38 who seldom, if ever, raised his voice" and "accomplished a great deal in
39 the Assembly by example"; and

40 WHEREAS, Paul W. May, Jr., is survived by a son, Paul W. May III, two
41 daughters, April Phillips of North Las Vegas and Sandra Torres of Texas,
42 and four grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

43 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
44 CONCURRING, That the members of the 71st session of the Nevada
45 Legislature do hereby extend their sincere condolences to the family and
46 friends of former Speaker of the Assembly Paul W. May, Jr.; and be it
47 further

48 RESOLVED, That Paul W. May, Jr., will not only be remembered as an
49 Assemblyman who for 20 years displayed his dry wit and jovial nature, and



1 for his willingness to do the unusual to get the work done, but will also be
2 remembered as an elected official who dedicated his life to public service;
3 and be it further
4 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit
5 a copy of this resolution to the children of Paul W. May, Jr.

