

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 30—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

MAY 4, 2001

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS RAGGIO, AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, JACOBSEN, JAMES, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NEAL, O'CONNELL, O'DONNELL, PORTER, RAWSON, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes distinguished legislative advocate, Richard L. Morgan. (BDR R-80)

~

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing distinguished legislative advocate, Richard L. Morgan.

1 Whereas, Richard Linn Morgan was born in Grantsville, West Virginia,
2 on March 22, 1928, to Amos and Mary Morgan, and grew up in
3 Bridgeport, West Virginia; and

4 Whereas, Dick Morgan graduated from Bridgeport High School in
5 1946, having earned 11 letters during his 4 years in high school and
6 becoming the first Bridgeport athlete to receive an athletic scholarship to
7 West Virginia University; and

8 Whereas, Dick Morgan played professional baseball as a pitcher with
9 the Red Sox farm league system in the early 1950s, and pitched against
10 many now legendary players, including Satchell Paige; and

11 Whereas, Dick Morgan served twice in the United States Army, once in
12 the occupation of Japan following World War II and again in 1952 when
13 he was called back to duty during the Korean Conflict; and



1 WHEREAS, In 1952 Dick Morgan married his high school sweetheart,
2 Barbara Capet, and they lovingly raised two children, Randy Morgan, now
3 a physician in Edmond, Oklahoma, and Kim Morgan, now Chief Deputy
4 Legislative Counsel for the Nevada Legislature; and

5 WHEREAS, Dick Morgan obtained bachelor's and master's degrees from
6 West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia, and, in 1959,
7 received his law degree from George Washington University in
8 Washington, D.C., while teaching high school history; and

9 WHEREAS, His innate sense of civic pride, respect for the democratic
10 process, and respect for others regardless of their race or religion instilled
11 in him a ceaseless desire to assist in the development of meaningful public
12 policy in this country resulting from honest and informed public debate of
13 the issues; and

14 WHEREAS, Upon graduation from law school, he combined his desire
15 for excellence in public education and his skills in legal advocacy for 20
16 years as Associate Legal Counsel for the National Education Association in
17 Washington, D.C., Associate Executive Director of the Florida Education
18 Association, Executive Director of the Nevada State Education
19 Association, and Executive Director of the Oklahoma Education
20 Association; and

21 WHEREAS, During his tenure with the National Education Association
22 and the Florida Education Association, he worked tirelessly to achieve
23 equal educational opportunities for children of all races and religions, and
24 to facilitate the racial integration of public school systems; and

25 WHEREAS, During his tenure as Executive Director of the Nevada
26 Education Association he worked with the Nevada Legislature to create the
27 nation's first collective bargaining law that included binding arbitration, to
28 enact Nevada's "Fair Dismissal Law" for teachers, and to transform the
29 Public Employees' Retirement System into the financially viable benefit
30 program that exists today; and

31 WHEREAS, Whether he was representing the interests of public school
32 children or private industry or consumers, throughout his career as a
33 legislative advocate Dick Morgan was widely respected for his integrity
34 and honesty; and

35 WHEREAS, Dick Morgan enjoyed honorable competition, be it on a
36 baseball field, golf course or in legislative halls, but his competitiveness
37 was rarely at the expense of others, and his mild mannered and self-
38 effacing demeanor was frequently punctuated with genuine encouragement
39 for others to be true to themselves and rise to their own personal bests; and

40 WHEREAS, Dick Morgan contributed a lifetime of wisdom, discernment
41 and pragmatic idealism as a lobbyist, working diligently to provide
42 legislators with facts and information to help shape good public policy, and
43 steadfastly believing that most of those who serve as state legislators are
44 honestly doing what they believe is in the best interests of their constituents
45 and their state, and are thereby deserving of respect; and

46 WHEREAS, While Dick Morgan's career as a legislative advocate
47 spanned 33 years and took him to 28 state legislatures, he was always
48 proud to say that he found Nevada's legislative system to be more open
49 and accessible to the public than any other that he had encountered; and



1 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada lost an honorable man on December 11,
2 1999, but his legacy will continue with the memory of his deep desire to
3 bring public respect and understanding to the legislative process and to the
4 persons who serve their state as legislators; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
6 CONCURRING, That the members of the 71st session of the Nevada
7 Legislature hereby express their sincere condolences to the family and
8 many friends of Dick Morgan; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature honors the important
10 contributions of Richard L. Morgan and finds inspiration in his singular
11 example of coaching his pupils, his children, his colleagues, and legislators
12 across this country to rise to their own personal bests; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit
14 a copy of this resolution to Dick Morgan's loving wife of 47 years,
15 Barbara Morgan.

