

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada lost an honorable man on December 11, 1999, but his legacy will continue with the memory of his deep desire to bring public respect and understanding to the legislative process and to the persons who serve their state as legislators; 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 hereby express their sincere condolences to the family and many friends of Dick Morgan; and be it further

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

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