

Assembly Resolution No. 7—Assemblymen Dini, Anderson, Angle, Arberry, Bache, Beers, Berman, Brower, Brown, Buckley, Carpenter, Cegavske, Chowning, Claborn, Collins, de Braga, Freeman, Gibbons, Giunchigliani, Goldwater, Gustavson, Hettrick, Humke, Koivisto, Lee, Leslie, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, Mortenson, Neighbors, Nolan, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Perkins, Price, Smith, Tiffany, Von Tobel and Williams

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ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION—Memorializing third-generation Elko County rancher and long-time Nevada Legislator Norman D. Glaser.

WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Assembly note with sadness the passing of long-time Nevada Legislator Norman D. Glaser on December 27, 1999; and

WHEREAS, This native Nevadan was born on April 4, 1921, to Clarence and Margaret Kathryn (Layer) Glaser; and

WHEREAS, Norman Glaser attended the “Little Red School House” in Halleck, Nevada, before graduating from Elko High School in 1939 and receiving a degree in Agricultural Engineering from Oklahoma State University in 1943; and

WHEREAS, Following his marriage to Nelda Marie Lancaster on August 7, 1943, in Oklahoma City, Norman Glaser served as an Engineering Officer for the United States Navy in the Pacific during World War II; and

WHEREAS, After completing his service with the Navy, Norman and Nelda Glaser returned to the family ranch near Elko where he went into partnership with his father and brother, Arthur, and later formed Glaser Land and Livestock Company with his brother; and

WHEREAS, Norman Glaser served as a member of the Elko County School Board before being elected to the Nevada State Assembly in 1960; and

WHEREAS, During his six terms as a State Assemblyman, Norman Glaser served as Chairman of the Assembly Committees on Ways and Means and Education, as well as others, and served as Speaker Pro Tempore during the 1963 and 1965 sessions; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, Norman Glaser was elected to the Nevada State Senate, representing the Northern Nevada Senatorial District, which included Elko, Eureka, Humboldt and Lander counties; and

WHEREAS, Norman Glaser served two terms with the Nevada State Senate before retiring in 1984; and

WHEREAS, During these two Senate terms, Norman Glaser served as Chairman of the Senate Committees on Taxation and Natural Resources, as well as being a member of the Senate Finance Committee among others; and

WHEREAS, Norman Glaser was well known as a champion for rural farmers, including sponsoring the “Greenbelt Amendment” which provided a tax incentive to preserve rural farms and ranches near sprawling urban areas; and

WHEREAS, Norman Glaser also played a key role in the "Sagebrush Rebellion" attempt to claim local control over federal lands and he was a supporter of the notorious "Shovel Brigade," the recent citizens' rebellion over the South Canyon Road near Jarbidge; and

WHEREAS, Norman Glaser was notorious in the Nevada Legislature for livening up committee meetings by utilizing ranch-life phrases such as "We've rode over this ground three or four times already," to witnesses who kept repeating themselves, and "Don't just sit there like a tree full of owls," to witnesses who remained silent when asked a lot of questions; and

WHEREAS, Not only was Norman Glaser a revered and well-respected Legislator, but his reputation as a rancher is evidenced by the many awards he received, including Outstanding Young Farmer by the Nevada Jaycees, Honorary State Farmer by the Future Farmers of America, the Distinguished Agriculturist Award by the University of Nevada, Reno, and, in 1992, not only were the Glaser brothers named Nevada's Outstanding Ranchers, but Glaser Land and Livestock received the Outstanding Ranch Award; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being a successful rancher and respected Legislator, Norman Glaser also was a member and Chairman of the Nevada Tax Commission and the State Environmental Commission, served as Director of the Northeastern Nevada Historical Society, was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, was Director of the Nevada Cattlemen's Association, a member of the Rotary Club, President of the Nevada Farm Bureau, served on the Northern Nevada Community College Advisory Board and had been a Director of the Elko Senior Citizens' Center; and

WHEREAS, Norman Glaser will long be remembered as a champion for the rural farmer, a Legislator who was willing to tackle the toughest issues and a true son of the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Norman Glaser is survived by his wife, Nelda, of Halleck, sons, Steven Glaser, D.D.S., and Brent Glaser, D.V.M., both of Elko, daughter, Sharon Bell of Las Vegas, four grandchildren and two great-granddaughters; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That the members of the Assembly of the 71st session of the Nevada Legislature mourn the loss of their friend and colleague, a respected Nevada Legislator and third-generation Nevada rancher, and express their heartfelt sympathy to the family of Norman Glaser; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Nelda Glaser, beloved wife of Norman Glaser.