

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 8—ASSEMBLYMEN MARVEL, 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, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, NEIGHBORS, NOLAN, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PERKINS, PRICE, SMITH, TIFFANY, VON TOBEL AND WILLIAMS

APRIL 5, 2001

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes former Assemblywoman Louise Aloys Smith. (BDR R-678)

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

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION—Memorializing former Assemblywoman Louise Aloys Smith.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Assembly were saddened
- 2 to learn of the loss of former Assemblywoman Louise Aloys Smith on
- 3 May 12, 1999; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Louise Aloys Smith was a native Nevadan, born in Lovelock
- 5 on July 29, 1917, to Dr. Eugene Kneeland Smith and Kathleen O’Sullivan
- 6 Smith; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Louise enlisted in the Women’s Army Corps in 1943,
- 8 achieving the rank of sergeant and serving as a recruiter and as a
- 9 rehabilitation counselor in military hospitals until her honorable discharge
- 10 in 1946, and was honored with the World War II Victory Medal, Good
- 11 Conduct Medal and American Campaign Medal; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Elected in 1949 as Assemblywoman from Pershing County,
- 13 Louise served on eight standing committees, including Veterans Affairs,
- 14 Legislative Functions, Social Welfare, State Library and State Publicity;
- 15 and
- 16 WHEREAS, Leadership positions at that time were awarded to women
- 17 mainly for ceremonial purposes, however, following her reelection in 1951,
- 18 Louise had the honor of being the first woman to be elected as Speaker Pro
- 19 Tempore of the Assembly by her fellow assemblymen; and
- 20 WHEREAS, After retiring from Sierra Pacific Power Company following
- 21 30 years of dedicated employment, Louise remained active in many
- 22 organizations in her community, including the Pink Ladies Hospital
- 23 Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies



1 Auxiliary, Lovelock Study Club and Beta Sigma Phi, an international  
2 women's social, cultural and service organization; and

3 WHEREAS, Continuing her lifelong love of music, with a magnificent  
4 soprano voice cultivated through operatic training as a student in the San  
5 Francisco Bay area, Louise performed at weddings, funerals, and other  
6 community and church events, as well as serving as a choir director; and

7 WHEREAS, As the co-founder of the Desert Little Theater, Louise acted  
8 in the capacity of performer and director in more than a decade of  
9 performances by the amateur theater group; and

10 WHEREAS, Committed to the importance of reading and literacy in her  
11 community, Louise served as a member on the Board of Trustees of the  
12 Pershing County Library, volunteered her time with the adult literacy and  
13 children's story-telling programs, and was instrumental in obtaining  
14 funding for a new library building; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1988, Louise Aloys Smith was awarded the Woman of  
16 the Year Award, given annually in Reno to a Nevada woman with a  
17 lifetime of community service and achievement; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That the  
19 members of the Assembly of the 71st session of the Nevada Legislature  
20 offer their heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Louise Aloys  
21 Smith; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That Louise Aloys Smith will long be remembered for her  
23 dedication to her community and this state; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit a copy of  
25 this resolution to Louise Aloys Smith's long-time friend, Leola Armstrong.

