

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 13—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

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing long-time Nevada Legislator and American Legion leader Archie Pozzi, Jr.

WHEREAS, The Nevada State Legislature joins the people of Nevada as they remember the life and mourn the loss of Archie Pozzi, Jr., who passed away on November 29, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Archie Pozzi, Jr., was born on January 7, 1919, in Oakland, California, to Leola and Archie Pozzi, Sr., but spent most of his life in Carson City, where he starred on the state championship basketball team of Carson High School during his senior year in 1936; and

WHEREAS, Following his graduation from the University of Washington in 1941 where he was senior class president, Archie Pozzi served his country in the Pacific Theater during World War II and was discharged from the Navy with the rank of lieutenant, one of his most cherished roles; and

WHEREAS, In 1946, Archie Pozzi joined his father in the family business, Pozzi Motor Company, the Carson City Ford dealership, which he took over after his father’s death, and in this capacity he joined with several other Carson City auto dealers to produce wacky television commercials that drew customers away from Reno and succeeded in turning auto sales into the biggest sales tax producer in Carson City in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, A staunch Republican, Archie Pozzi served as an Assemblyman from 1955 to 1966 and as a Senator from 1967 to 1974, and used his drive and ambition to enact a state sales tax to help pay for education, author a bill for a land swap needed to start Western Nevada Community College, help create Carson City’s current form of consolidated government as a Capital District, defend the rights of state employees and support veterans; and

WHEREAS, From 1951 to 1954, Archie Pozzi was a member of the Nevada State Museum Board and, after leaving the Legislature, served on the Carson City Planning Commission for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his work in the political arena, Archie Pozzi was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Kerak Shrine Temple and the Carson Host Lions, was active in the Nevada Department of the American Legion, was a high school and college basketball referee for over 25 years

and was named Carson City Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year in 1991; and

WHEREAS, Described as having a rare combination of strength and humor, Archie Pozzi was known for his quick smile and willingness to help get things done; and

WHEREAS, Archie Pozzi was preceded in death by his wife, Helen, in February 2000, and is survived by his children, Bruce and Kathie of Anchorage, Alaska, Bob of Reno, Steve of Carson City and Michelle of Danville, California, four grandchildren and his sister, Virginia Pozzi Furman of Carson City; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 71st session of the Nevada Legislature extend to the family of Archie Pozzi, Jr., their sincere condolences; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the sandstone of the Legislative Building, which Archie Pozzi fought to have used in order to match the Capitol Building, will be a reminder of the contributions he made that helped shape Carson City and Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the children of Archie Pozzi, Jr.