

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—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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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes attorney and businessman Virgil Henry Wedge. (BDR R-126)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing attorney and businessman Virgil Henry Wedge.

- 1 WHEREAS, The people of the State of Nevada lost a prestigious
- 2 attorney, visionary businessman and civic leader with the passing of Virgil
- 3 Henry Wedge on March 4, 2000; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Virgil Wedge was born in the mining town of Pioche,
- 5 Nevada, on June 24, 1912, to John H. Wedge and Emma Richard Wedge
- 6 and spent his early years on the family ranch in Pahrnagat Valley; and
- 7 WHEREAS, After graduation from Lincoln County High School, Virgil
- 8 Wedge worked in his father’s general store where he learned the trade that
- 9 he would use to put himself through Brigham Young University where he
- 10 was elected student body president in his senior year and from which he
- 11 graduated in 1936; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Virgil Wedge returned to Nevada where, as a day laborer
- 13 working on the construction of the Supreme Court Building in Carson City,
- 14 he met Senator Patrick McCarran who took an instant liking to Virgil,



1 invited him to join his Washington staff and helped him enter George
2 Washington University Law School; and

3 WHEREAS, Following his graduation from the University in 1940, Virgil
4 Wedge returned to Nevada and created the law firm of McCarran & Wedge
5 with the Senator, and, that same year, met Suki Hekking whom he married
6 2 years later; and

7 WHEREAS, During World War II, Virgil Wedge served with the FBI and
8 upon returning to Nevada in 1946, he resumed his career as an attorney and
9 held the office of Reno City Attorney from 1947 to 1951; and

10 WHEREAS, As a member of the law firm presently known as Woodburn
11 and Wedge, whose origin stretches back to 1917 and from which he retired
12 as Senior Partner, Virgil Wedge's clients included prosperous corporations,
13 prominent individuals and colorful characters in Nevada's history; and

14 WHEREAS, The seemingly limitless energy and dedication of Virgil
15 Wedge urged him into numerous leadership positions in both the civic and
16 political arenas, including President of the Washoe County Bar
17 Association, Chairman of the Northern Nevada Federal Judicial Merit
18 Advisory Commission and Director of the International Academy of Trial
19 Lawyers, as well as years of involvement in the Democratic Central
20 Committee in Nevada; and

21 WHEREAS, Because of Virgil Wedge's deep interest in the economic
22 development of his state and his participation in many business
23 associations that helped to bring prosperity to Northern Nevada, Governor
24 Bob Miller proclaimed March 22, 1989, Virgil H. Wedge Day, and 4 years
25 later Reno Mayor Pete Sferazza bestowed a similar honor by declaring
26 April 20, 1993, Virgil H. Wedge Day; and

27 WHEREAS, The full life of Virgil Wedge also involved running a herd of
28 cattle on a ranch he owned in southwest Reno and membership in
29 organizations including the Masons, the Elks and the Prospectors Club; and

30 WHEREAS, Virgil Henry Wedge is survived by his wife, Suki, daughter,
31 Suzanne Landucci of San Francisco, son, Virgil A. Wedge of Reno, sister,
32 Ruby Ellen Buhler of Sacramento, grandchildren and a great-grandson;
33 now, therefore, be it

34 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
35 CONCURRING, That the members of the 71st session of the Nevada
36 Legislature express their deepest sympathy to the family of Virgil Henry
37 Wedge; and be it further

38 RESOLVED, That Virgil Henry Wedge will long be remembered by his
39 fellow Nevadans who have received the benefits of his contributions to this
40 state; and be it further

41 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy
42 of this resolution to Virgil Wedge's wife, Suki.

