

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

WHEREAS, The people of the State of Nevada lost a prestigious attorney, visionary businessman and civic leader with the passing of Virgil Henry Wedge on March 4, 2000; and

WHEREAS, Virgil Wedge was born in the mining town of Pioche, Nevada, on June 24, 1912, to John H. Wedge and Emma Richard Wedge and spent his early years on the family ranch in Pahrangat Valley; and

WHEREAS, After graduation from Lincoln County High School, Virgil Wedge worked in his father’s general store where he learned the trade that he would use to put himself through Brigham Young University where he was elected student body president in his senior year and from which he graduated in 1936; and

WHEREAS, Virgil Wedge returned to Nevada where, as a day laborer working on the construction of the Supreme Court Building in Carson City, he met Senator Patrick McCarran who took an instant liking to Virgil, invited him to join his Washington staff and helped him enter George Washington University Law School; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Virgil Henry Wedge is survived by his wife, Suki, daughter, Suzanne Landucci of San Francisco, son, Virgil A. Wedge of Reno, sister, Ruby Ellen Buhler of Sacramento, grandchildren and a great-grandson; 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 express their deepest sympathy to the family of Virgil Henry Wedge; and be it further

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

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