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SUMMARY—Commends Joseph N. Crowley on his service as President of University of Nevada, Reno. (BDR R-781)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commending Joseph N. Crowley on his service as President of the University of Nevada, Reno.

1 WHEREAS, Joseph N. Crowley was born July 9, 1933, in Oelwein, Iowa,
2 the third of Jim and Nina Crowley’s four children; and
3 WHEREAS, Following service in the United States Air Force, Joseph
4 Crowley received a bachelor’s degree in political science from the
5 University of Iowa in 1959, a master’s degree in social science from
6 Fresno State University in 1963 and a doctorate in political science from
7 the University of Washington in 1967; and
8 WHEREAS, Joseph Crowley married the former Joy Reitz on
9 September 9, 1961, they raised four children, Theresa, Neil, Margaret and
10 Tim, and they are now proud grandparents of six beautiful grandchildren;
11 and



1 WHEREAS, Joseph Crowley joined the University of Nevada, Reno, in
2 1966 as a temporary instructor in the Department of Political Science and
3 in 1967 became a full-time political science professor; and

4 WHEREAS, During the academic year 1972-73, Joseph Crowley served
5 as Chairman of the Faculty Senate of the University of Nevada, Reno,
6 winning the respect and confidence of his faculty peers and the university's
7 administration; and

8 WHEREAS, Having been awarded a 2-year fellowship by the National
9 Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration in 1973,
10 Joseph Crowley first worked in the Water Planning Division of the United
11 States Environmental Protection Agency and then served as Director of
12 Institutional Studies at the National Commission on Water Quality,
13 positions which contributed to the development of his keen insight into the
14 legislative process; and

15 WHEREAS, Joseph Crowley became Chairman of the Department of
16 Political Science at the University of Nevada, Reno, in 1976, was
17 appointed acting President of the University in 1978, and was named to the
18 full-time position of President on March 23, 1979; and

19 WHEREAS, Joseph Crowley has expanded the reach and influence of the
20 University of Nevada, Reno, to other continents through the fostering of
21 the University Studies Abroad Consortium, now one of the largest study
22 abroad programs in the United States, with 22 participating universities and
23 over 1,700 students in 17 countries; and

24 WHEREAS, Counted among the many bench marks left by Joseph
25 Crowley during his tenure as President is a new level of fund-raising
26 exemplified by the Century Campaign of 1990-95 which raised over \$124
27 million for the school and now contributes more than \$28 million annually;
28 and

29 WHEREAS, The tenure of Joseph Crowley as University President
30 brought a solid strengthening of the core curriculum at the same time that
31 funding for research and development had a seven-fold increase to \$70
32 million a year, thus attracting an ever-increasing caliber of teaching and
33 research faculty; and

34 WHEREAS, Joseph Crowley's legislative acumen and leadership in
35 philanthropic fund-raising led the way to a remarkable expansion of the
36 University of Nevada, Reno, campus during the last two decades, with new
37 facilities constructed to house growing programs of study, including
38 business, education, engineering, journalism, medicine and mining, as well
39 as a campus events center and an expanded fine arts complex that are
40 utilized by the entire community; and

41 WHEREAS, The University of Nevada, Reno, under Joseph Crowley's
42 leadership, has had a growing economic impact on the state, through
43 programs of cooperative extension, continuing and distance education,
44 small business development centers, the school of medicine and area health
45 education centers; and

46 WHEREAS, Joseph Crowley is not only the longest-serving President in
47 the history of the University of Nevada, Reno, he is also the longest-
48 serving president at a single institution among the principal public
49 universities in the nation; and



1 WHEREAS, In addition to serving as President of the University of
2 Nevada, Reno, Joseph Crowley served as the president of the National
3 Collegiate Athletic Association from 1993 to 1995, helping to reorganize
4 the NCAA and give more power to university presidents, while at the same
5 time bringing national attention to the University of Nevada, Reno, and;
6 WHEREAS, Joseph Crowley has not been forgotten by the institutions he
7 attended as a student, being named the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year
8 by Fresno State University in 1989, and honored in 1994 with a
9 Distinguished Alumni Award by the Alumni Association of the University
10 of Iowa; and
11 WHEREAS, Joseph Crowley's sense of community service extends
12 beyond the university in many directions, one of which is as a founding
13 member of the Board of Trustees of Reno's Channel 5 Public Broadcasting
14 station, KNPB, which in the year 2000 presented him with the inaugural
15 "Channel 5 Champion" award; and
16 WHEREAS, One of the most important legacies of the 23 years served by
17 Joseph Crowley as President of the University of Nevada, Reno, is the
18 restoration of service to society, an original underpinning of the century-
19 old idea for a land grant college and a continuing emphasis of the National
20 Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, which he
21 served as a member of its Board of Directors from 1998 to 2000; now,
22 therefore, be it
23 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
24 CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada Legislature pay special
25 tribute to Joseph N. Crowley, Ph.D., on the occasion of his departure from
26 the position of President of the University of Nevada, Reno; and be it
27 further
28 RESOLVED, That the members of the Nevada Legislature express their
29 gratitude for the outstanding contribution Joseph N. Crowley has made to
30 the University of Nevada, Reno, and to higher education throughout
31 Nevada; and be it further
32 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature wishes Joseph N. Crowley
33 further success as he resumes his position on the teaching faculty in the
34 Department of Political Science at the University of Nevada, Reno; and be
35 it further
36 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy
37 of this resolution to Joseph N. Crowley and to the University of Nevada,
38 Reno.

