

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23—Senators Mathews, Amodei, Care, Carlton, Coffin, Jacobsen, James, McGinness, Neal, O’Connell, O’Donnell, Porter, Raggio, Rawson, Rhoads, Schneider, Shaffer, Titus, Townsend, Washington and Wiener

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

WHEREAS, Joseph N. Crowley was born July 9, 1933, in Oelwein, Iowa, the third of Jim and Nina Crowley’s four children; and

WHEREAS, Following service in the United States Air Force, Joseph Crowley received a bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of Iowa in 1959, a master’s degree in social science from Fresno State University in 1963 and a doctorate in political science from the University of Washington in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Crowley married the former Joy Reitz on September 9, 1961, they raised four children, Theresa, Neil, Margaret and Tim, and they are now proud grandparents of six beautiful grandchildren; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, In addition to serving as President of the University of Nevada, Reno, Joseph Crowley served as the president of the National Collegiate Athletic Association from 1993 to 1995, helping to reorganize the NCAA and give more power to university presidents, while at the same time bringing national attention to the University of Nevada, Reno, and;

WHEREAS, Joseph Crowley has not been forgotten by the institutions he attended as a student, being named the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year by Fresno State University in 1989, and honored in 1994 with a Distinguished Alumni Award by the Alumni Association of the University of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Crowley's sense of community service extends beyond the university in many directions, one of which is as a founding member of the Board of Trustees of Reno's Channel 5 Public Broadcasting station, KNPB, which in the year 2000 presented him with the inaugural "Channel 5 Champion" award; and

WHEREAS, One of the most important legacies of the 23 years served by Joseph Crowley as President of the University of Nevada, Reno, is the restoration of service to society, an original underpinning of the century-old idea for a land grant college and a continuing emphasis of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, which he served as a member of its Board of Directors from 1998 to 2000; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada Legislature pay special tribute to Joseph N. Crowley, Ph.D., on the occasion of his departure from the position of President of the University of Nevada, Reno; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the Nevada Legislature express their gratitude for the outstanding contribution Joseph N. Crowley has made to the University of Nevada, Reno, and to higher education throughout Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature wishes Joseph N. Crowley further success as he resumes his position on the teaching faculty in the Department of Political Science at the University of Nevada, Reno; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Joseph N. Crowley and to the University of Nevada, Reno.