

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38—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 former lobbyist Lee Smith. (BDR R-1501)

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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 former lobbyist Lee Smith.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature note with sadness
- 2 the passing of Leland Geary Smith on September 12, 1999; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Born on August 31, 1928, in Hayward, California, Leland
- 4 Geary Smith lived in California until after his graduation from Stanford
- 5 University, which followed his service in the United States Army during
- 6 World War II; and
- 7 WHEREAS, A resident of Nevada for over 40 years, Lee Smith had
- 8 access and connections to people at all levels and in all locations
- 9 throughout the state who trusted and supported him when he called on
- 10 them to help with his countless campaigns and charitable causes; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Lee Smith’s knowledge of politics, his great respect for the
- 12 contribution mining has made in creating and sustaining Nevada and his
- 13 deep conviction in promoting only what was in the best interest of the state
- 14 created the combination that made him a well-known and respected
- 15 lobbyist; and



1 WHEREAS, From the beginning, in his work with the Nevada Mining  
2 Association, Lee Smith stressed the need for education of legislators,  
3 regulators and the general public to increase awareness of the importance  
4 of mining and its economic impact on this state, and to promote this  
5 understanding, he constantly prodded the mining industry to conduct tours  
6 of their facilities for both friends and foes of mining; and

7 WHEREAS, Holding a deep commitment to the idea that persons in  
8 business and industry have knowledge and abilities that are valuable to  
9 young people throughout their school years, Lee Smith worked to create  
10 opportunities that would enable industry to contribute to the educational  
11 system of Nevada; and

12 WHEREAS, Because of his strong belief in the important role of  
13 education in promoting industry and creating the best life possible for the  
14 residents of Nevada, Lee Smith was a strong supporter and active  
15 participant in the Mackay School of Mines, the University of Nevada,  
16 Reno, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the Desert Research Institute  
17 and the Boys and Girls Club of Truckee Meadows and he also served on  
18 the President's Advisory Board of the Community College of Southern  
19 Nevada; and

20 WHEREAS, One of Lee Smith's greatest contributions was his  
21 involvement in the founding and continuing development of the McCaw  
22 School of Mines in Henderson, an interactive learning center that seeks to  
23 spark in elementary school students an interest in and enthusiasm for the  
24 history and economic contributions of mining in Nevada and exposes them  
25 to the current and varied employment opportunities in the industry of  
26 mining; and

27 WHEREAS, Lee Smith has been memorialized by a mine named in his  
28 honor at the AngloGold Jerritt Canyon Joint Venture site, and is survived  
29 by his sons, John, Steve and Sean, all of Reno, a brother, Jack, of Hayward,  
30 and two grandsons; now, therefore, be it

31 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY  
32 CONCURRING, That the members of the 71st session of the Nevada  
33 Legislature extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of  
34 Leland Geary Smith; and be it further

35 RESOLVED, That Lee Smith will be remembered for his infectious  
36 laugh, his positive outlook on life and his genuine interest in each person  
37 he met, as well as for his contributions in joining the worlds of politics,  
38 industry and education in the State of Nevada; and be it further

39 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy  
40 of this resolution to Lee Smith's sons, John, Steve and Sean Smith.

