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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing former lobbyist Lee Smith.

WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature note with sadness the passing of Leland Geary Smith on September 12, 1999; and

WHEREAS, Born on August 31, 1928, in Hayward, California, Leland Geary Smith lived in California until after his graduation from Stanford University, which followed his service in the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, A resident of Nevada for over 40 years, Lee Smith had access and connections to people at all levels and in all locations throughout the state who trusted and supported him when he called on them to help with his countless campaigns and charitable causes; and

WHEREAS, Lee Smith’s knowledge of politics, his great respect for the contribution mining has made in creating and sustaining Nevada and his deep conviction in promoting only what was in the best interest of the state created the combination that made him a well-known and respected lobbyist; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Lee Smith has been memorialized by a mine named in his honor at the AngloGold Jerritt Canyon Joint Venture site, and is survived by his sons, John, Steve and Sean, all of Reno, a brother, Jack, of Hayward, and two grandsons; 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 extend their deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Leland Geary Smith; and be it further

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

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