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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing prominent Nevada rancher Brooks Park.

WHEREAS, On January 27, 2000, the residents of Nevada were saddened by the loss of Brooks Park, a third-generation Nevadan and patriarch of a prominent Carson Valley ranching family; and

WHEREAS, Brooks Park was born in Reno on August 31, 1912, attended Douglas County schools and graduated from the University of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Unity and David Brooks Park journeyed from Canada to Nevada, arriving in Mottsville in 1863, before Nevada became a state, and began ranching in the valley, while running a large dairy operation at Lake Tahoe in the summers; and

WHEREAS, Brooks Park, their grandson, carried on the legacy of his pioneering family by prospering and living off the land, passing that legacy on to his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, In 1896, the Park family purchased Friday’s Station, which had served as a stage line for Wells Fargo Express and the Pony Express, and which was known for the finest hunting and fishing in the Lake Tahoe area; and

WHEREAS, In 1965, at the site of Friday’s Station, Brooks Park had the vision to create Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course, which is now known as a world-class golf course with spectacular views of Lake Tahoe and the surrounding mountains, and which was rated by *Golf Digest* as one of “America’s Top 100 Golf Courses”; and

WHEREAS, In 1935, Brooks Park formed the Park Cattle Company and continued to expand on his land holdings, becoming the largest property owner in Douglas County; and

WHEREAS, In 1937, Brooks Park married Jeanne Cardinal, whom he had known since grade school and who was a descendant of another prominent Nevada family, the Dangbergs; and

WHEREAS, In the early 1960s, the Park family leased some of their land at Lake Tahoe, which had been used for grazing cattle and sheep, to several large casinos which remain on that land today; and

WHEREAS, The Carson Valley rancher is fondly remembered by his family and friends as a hardworking visionary and environmentalist, with a passionate love for ranching and for the land, who once told one of his grandchildren that the Carson Valley was the “most beautiful place in the world”; and

WHEREAS, Bruce Park believes that his father's most endearing qualities were his perseverance, integrity and sense of humor; and

WHEREAS, Brooks Park was a devout Catholic and an active member of St. Gall Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, Brooks Park was a very proud family man and will be greatly missed by his wife, 3 children, 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; 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 and the residents of Nevada offer their heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of Brooks Park; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Jeanne, Brooks' wife of 63 years, and to his children, Bruce Park of Minden, Kay Seeliger of Reno and Jeanne Blach of Elko.