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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes prominent Carson City optometrist Dr. William Van Patten.
(BDR R-1324)

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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 prominent Carson City optometrist Dr. William Van Patten.

- 1 WHEREAS, William George Van Patten was born on April 10, 1931, in
- 2 Rochester, New York, to Earl and Dorothy Jeffers Van Patten; and
- 3 WHEREAS, William grew up in Upstate New York and attended
- 4 Mississippi Southern College in Hattiesburg, Mississippi; and
- 5 WHEREAS, After enlisting in the United States Air Force, William was
- 6 stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, where he met, and on
- 7 May 6, 1954, married, Sharlene Sandin, his wife of 41 years; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Upon being discharged from the Air Force, William
- 9 attended the University of Nevada, Reno, before entering the Los Angeles
- 10 School of Optometry, from which he graduated in 1959 with a doctorate;
- 11 and
- 12 WHEREAS, Shortly after his graduation, Dr. Van Patten moved to
- 13 Carson City, opened his optometric practice in August 1959 and continued
- 14 in the practice for 39 years, until retiring in 1998; and



1 WHEREAS, Dr. Van Patten set a standard for excellence in his chosen
2 field and endeared himself to thousands of residents of Carson City in the
3 capacity of optometrist because of his caring, reassuring manner; and

4 WHEREAS, Many hours of his days not dedicated to his practice were
5 spent in community service through such organizations as the Carson City
6 School Board, on which he served from 1967 to 1978, and the Rotary Club
7 of Carson City, in which he held numerous offices; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Van Patten maintained his professional acuity through
9 membership in such organizations as the Nevada Optometric Association,
10 Nevada State Board of Optometry and American Optometric Association;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, All those who knew Bill Van Patten as a friend, public
13 servant, doctor, family member or in any other capacity were saddened by
14 his death on February 17, 2000; and

15 WHEREAS, William Van Patten is survived by his son, William G. Van
16 Patten Jr., and his daughter, Katrina Van Patten-Copoulos, both of Carson
17 City, his brothers, James and Robert Van Patten, both of Florida, and his
18 grandchildren, Zach and Dion Copoulos and Ronnie Sharlene Van Patten;
19 now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
21 CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada Legislature express their
22 sincerest condolences to all those who miss this outstanding father,
23 grandfather, friend, public servant and doctor; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That this dedicated man who filled so many roles in such a
25 distinguished manner will live forever in the hearts of those whose lives he
26 touched; and be it further

27 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy
28 of this resolution to William Van Patten Jr. and Katrina Van Patten-
29 Copoulos.

