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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing prominent Carson City optometrist Dr. William Van Patten.

WHEREAS, William George Van Patten was born on April 10, 1931, in Rochester, New York, to Earl and Dorothy Jeffers Van Patten; and

WHEREAS, William grew up in Upstate New York and attended Mississippi Southern College in Hattiesburg, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, After enlisting in the United States Air Force, William was stationed at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas, where he met, and on May 6, 1954, married, Sharlene Sandin, his wife of 41 years; and

WHEREAS, Upon being discharged from the Air Force, William attended the University of Nevada, Reno, before entering the Los Angeles School of Optometry, from which he graduated in 1959 with a doctorate; and

WHEREAS, Shortly after his graduation, Dr. Van Patten moved to Carson City, opened his optometric practice in August 1959 and continued in the practice for 39 years, until retiring in 1998; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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