

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 39—Senators Raggio, Amodei, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Hardy, Mathews, McGinness, Neal, Nolan, O’Connell, Rawson, Rhoads, Schneider, Shaffer, Tiffany, Titus, Townsend, Washington and Wiener

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing former State Controller Darrel R. Daines.

WHEREAS, The members of the 72nd Session of the Nevada Legislature note with sadness the loss on February 1, 2003, of Darrel R. Daines, the man who was the respected steward of the finances of the State of Nevada from 1983 to 1999; and

WHEREAS, Darrel Daines was born on October 3, 1922, in Franklin, Idaho, attended schools in Logan, Utah, and Preston, Idaho, and began studies at Utah State University where he met his lovely bride-to-be, Ursula, before enlisting in the Army to serve his country during World War II; and

WHEREAS, After completing his pilot training as part of the Army Air Corps, Second Lieutenant Daines was assigned in July of 1944 to the Pacific Theater of Operations and flew combat missions for more than a year, for which he received several decorations, and was part of the army of occupation following Japan’s surrender; and

WHEREAS, After leaving the military at the rank of Captain, Darrel Daines completed his studies at Utah State University and attended the University of Utah Law School until 1950 when he became President of the Daines Manufacturing Company; and

WHEREAS, In 1964, Darrel Daines began his career as a fiscal officer in Logan, Utah, where he served 4 years as the Logan City Auditor; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, Darrel Daines moved to Nevada with his wife Ursula and their four children to accept an auditing position in the Clark County Recorder’s office, where he was so successful that he soon became a role model for a new governmental office—County Comptroller—a position that was statutorily created in 1969 and which he held for 14 years in Clark County; and

WHEREAS, In 1983, Darrel Daines was inaugurated as State Controller and held that constitutional office for a record-tying four terms as the chief fiscal officer of the State of Nevada, during which time he served as President of the National Association of State Comptrollers in 1988 and President of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers and Treasurers in 1995; and

WHEREAS, As State Controller, Darrel Daines was a member of the State Transportation Board and is credited with developing the financing plan that accelerated the construction of the east leg of the Las Vegas Expressway through Henderson, the completion of Highway 395 in Reno and the development of the four-lane divided highway between Carson City and Minden; and

WHEREAS, For 12 of the 16 years that Darrel Daines served as State Controller, his Office was presented with a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, an award that had not been won by that Office before Controller Daines took the reins; and

WHEREAS, In addition to his long-standing public service, Darrel Daines dedicated much of his time and energy to community service, as exemplified by his membership on the Board of the Nevada Division of the American Cancer Society for 20 years, his service as its Chairman from 1984 to 1987, and his membership on the National Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society for an additional 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Darrel Daines was predeceased in 2001 by his loving wife of 57 years, Ursula, and is survived by his daughter, Judith Daines Mower of Las Vegas, sons, Alan R. of Colorado Springs, Colorado, and William B. R. and Michael K. of Reno, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 72nd Session of the Nevada Legislature extend heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Darrel R. Daines; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in addition to being a loving family man who generously volunteered his time to benefit his community, Darrel Daines will long be remembered for the significant contributions he made to the State of Nevada during his 16 years as State Controller and as a member of the State Transportation Board; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Judith Daines Mower, Alan R. Daines, William B. R. Daines and Michael K. Daines, the children of Darrel R. Daines.