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SUMMARY—Memorializes Supreme Court Justice Myron E.
Leavitt. (BDR R-701)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing
Supreme Court Justice Myron E. Leavitt.

- 1 WHEREAS, On January 9, 2004, the State of Nevada lost a
- 2 beloved and dedicated public servant, the legal community lost an
- 3 extraordinary Supreme Court Justice and the family of Justice
- 4 Myron E. Leavitt lost a great patriarch and teacher; and
- 5 WHEREAS, A native Nevadan and the youngest of three boys,
- 6 Myron Leavitt was born in Las Vegas on October 27, 1930, to
- 7 Myron “Mike” and Estella Leavitt; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Myron attended Las Vegas High School where he
- 9 distinguished himself in academics, athletics and theater and was
- 10 named the outstanding athlete of his class in 1948; and



1 WHEREAS, Myron continued his education at the University of
2 Nevada, Reno, on an athletic scholarship, where he won letters in
3 both football and track and was named sports editor of the
4 University newspaper, the *Sagebrush*; and

5 WHEREAS, After graduation in 1952, Myron worked briefly for
6 the *Las Vegas Review-Journal* as sports editor, and then enrolled in
7 law school at the University of Utah where he received his juris
8 doctor degree and graduated eighth in his class in 1956; and

9 WHEREAS, It was in Salt Lake City where Myron met his future
10 wife, Shirley, and where they began their life as a married couple on
11 June 10, 1954, in the Salt Lake Temple; and

12 WHEREAS, After his graduation from law school, Myron and
13 Shirley returned to Las Vegas where they raised 11 children, where
14 Myron enjoyed a rich and fulfilling career in public service that
15 spanned 5 decades and where he realized that his greatest
16 accomplishments were his achievements as a father, husband,
17 mentor, athlete and coach; and

18 WHEREAS, Myron began his career in the legal profession in
19 southern Nevada in 1957 as a deputy city attorney for the City of
20 North Las Vegas and served in other nonelective positions as a
21 member of the Clark County Juvenile Probation Committee, the
22 attorney for the Clark County District Health Board, an original
23 member of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Commission and a
24 member of the Board of Directors of the Nevada League of Cities;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, The accomplishments of Myron Leavitt during the
27 first 2 decades of his career in public service centered around the
28 establishment of the first medical coroner system in Clark County
29 and the first night court for small claims during the time he served
30 as a Las Vegas Township Justice of the Peace from 1961 to 1962,
31 the organization of the drive to build the Dula Senior Citizen Center
32 while he served as a Clark County Commissioner from 1971 to
33 1974, an effort which brought the City of Las Vegas and Clark
34 County together to promote joint funding of the project and the
35 construction of a sheriff's substation in the southeastern sector of
36 the City of Las Vegas; and

37 WHEREAS, During his tenure as a Las Vegas City Councilman
38 from 1975 to 1978, and as Lieutenant Governor from 1979 to 1982,
39 he is remembered for casting the deciding vote to break a tie
40 retaining capital punishment and halting action to remove the
41 Lieutenant Governor as President of the Senate; and

42 WHEREAS, Justice Leavitt's years from 1984 until 1998 as a trial
43 judge in Clark County, his term as President of the District Judges
44 Association and two terms as Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial
45 District Court, and the fact that he was repeatedly ranked as one of



1 the top judges in the Biennial Judicial Evaluation Survey were all
2 evidence of the admiration and respect of his colleagues; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1998, Justice Leavitt's political career ascended to
4 its highest level with his election as a Justice of the Supreme Court
5 of Nevada, a position to which he was reelected in the year 2000;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, While Justice Leavitt honored Las Vegas and the
8 State of Nevada with his commitment to public service, he was also
9 very active in community affairs, and his dedication to and love of
10 his community were recognized when the Justice Myron E. Leavitt
11 Middle School in Las Vegas was named and dedicated in his honor
12 in March 2002; and

13 WHEREAS, For over 35 years, Justice Leavitt was also known as
14 "Coach" Leavitt to hundreds of young people as he dedicated much
15 of his free time to coaching basketball, football, softball and
16 baseball and serving as a role model for the many young people
17 whose lives he touched; and

18 WHEREAS, Justice Myron E. Leavitt left behind his beautiful
19 wife of 49 years, Shirley, whom he considered to be his best friend,
20 life-long companion, confidant and campaign manager, six sons,
21 Dennis, Steve, Tom, Andrew, Delbert and Jim, and five daughters,
22 Kathy Wright, Cindy Foote, Debbie Earl, Sue Abbatangelo and
23 Michelle and 34 loving grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
25 SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 73rd Session of the
26 Nevada Legislature extend their heartfelt sympathy to the family
27 and friends of Justice Myron E. Leavitt, a man who will long be
28 remembered for his professional integrity, the encouragement he
29 offered to those who crossed his path, his dedication to public
30 service, his passion for Nevada and the love he had for his family;
31 and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
33 transmit a copy of this resolution to Justice Leavitt's beloved wife,
34 Shirley and each of his children.



