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

WHEREAS, On January 9, 2004, the State of Nevada lost a beloved and dedicated public servant, the legal community lost an extraordinary Supreme Court Justice and the family of Justice Myron E. Leavitt lost a great patriarch and teacher; and

WHEREAS, A native Nevadan and the youngest of three boys, Myron Leavitt was born in Las Vegas on October 27, 1930, to Myron “Mike” and Estella Leavitt; and

WHEREAS, Myron attended Las Vegas High School where he distinguished himself in academics, athletics and theater and was named the outstanding athlete of his class in 1948; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Myron began his career in the legal profession in southern Nevada in 1957 as a deputy city attorney for the City of

North Las Vegas and served in other nonelective positions as a member of the Clark County Juvenile Probation Committee, the attorney for the Clark County District Health Board, an original member of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Commission and a member of the Board of Directors of the Nevada League of Cities; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Justice Leavitt's years from 1984 until 1998 as a trial judge in Clark County, his term as President of the District Judges Association and two terms as Chief Judge of the Eighth Judicial District Court, and the fact that he was repeatedly ranked as one of the top judges in the Biennial Judicial Evaluation Survey were all evidence of the admiration and respect of his colleagues; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Justice Myron E. Leavitt left behind his beautiful wife of 49 years, Shirley, whom he considered to be his best friend, life-long companion, confidant and campaign manager, six sons,

Dennis, Steve, Tom, Andrew, Delbert and Jim, and five daughters, Kathy Wright, Cindy Foote, Debbie Earl, Sue Abbatangelo and Michelle and 34 loving grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

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

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

