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SUMMARY—Memorializes eminent educator and coach Bud Beasley. (BDR R-464)

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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 eminent educator and coach Bud Beasley.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature note with
- 2 profound sorrow the passing of eminent educator and coach Bud
- 3 Beasley on July 17, 2004, at the age of 93; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Born December 8, 1910, in Melrose, New Mexico,
- 5 and raised in Santa Cruz, California, Bud Beasley became a star
- 6 athlete at Santa Cruz High School and was encouraged by his
- 7 football coach, former Nevada All-American James “Rabbit”
- 8 Bradshaw, to attend the University of Nevada, Reno; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Bud Beasley began his career as an educator in 1934
- 10 as a student teacher, and he has received commendations from four
- 11 Presidents of the United States and two Nevada Governors, been



1 named Phi Delta Kappa Nevada Teacher of the Year and been
2 recognized by the Nevada-California-Hawaii District of Kiwanis
3 International as Educator of the Year; and

4 WHEREAS, Bud Beasley taught over 11,000 students in his 70-
5 year career as a coach and educator, mentoring future judges,
6 coaches, businessmen, legislators, attorneys, doctors, athletes and
7 educators, many of whom say he was one of the biggest influences
8 in their lives; and

9 WHEREAS, State Senator William Raggio, Reno High School
10 class of 1944, indicated that Bud Beasley was an inspiring man who
11 stood for integrity and what was right and that he will be missed;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Known for his good humor, dynamic storytelling and
14 genuine affection for his students, Bud Beasley loved children and
15 loved to teach, with a special knack for those students who were in
16 difficult circumstances, and his positive outlook on life motivated
17 many students who may have given up on their education were it
18 not for his influence; and

19 WHEREAS, After leaving Reno High School in 1974, Bud
20 Beasley taught adaptive physical education to children with special
21 needs at several schools and taught history and American
22 government at Washoe High School, an alternative school with
23 mostly at-risk students, where one of his students recalled that if a
24 student did not know the answer to a question on the daily quiz, he
25 could write in "The cardinal sin of mankind is ignorance" and get
26 full credit, which only served to further motivate them to learn; and

27 WHEREAS, While an outstanding athlete and coach in many
28 sports, Bud Beasley had a special sparkle in his eyes when he talked
29 about baseball, having pitched professionally for the Sacramento
30 Solons and the Seattle Pilots of the Pacific Coast League during his
31 summers off from teaching, and was especially known for reciting
32 his version of the classic poem "Casey at the Bat" at speaking
33 engagements; and

34 WHEREAS, Having followed the careers of many of his students,
35 collecting vast amounts of news clippings over the years, even
36 sending a constant stream of letters to his former students overseas
37 in World War II, Bud Beasley attended every class reunion and
38 cofounded the Reno High School Alumni Association, in part to
39 keep track of his beloved students by maintaining a database with
40 up-to-date information on them and in part to enhance the
41 recognition of Reno High School and to provide scholarships for its
42 students; and

43 WHEREAS, When Reno High School was moved from its old
44 building to a new one in 1951, Bud Beasley saw precious
45 memorabilia being tossed away, motivating him to begin plans to



1 preserve Reno High history in what is now the Link Piazza Alumni
2 Center, named after a former student of Bud Beasley and built on
3 the Reno High campus, a virtual museum filled with Re-Wa-Ne
4 yearbooks dating from 1906, band uniforms from 1950, a letter
5 sweater from 1921, a diploma from 1905, class rings and trophies
6 and, the pride and joy of the Association, the bell from the building
7 that housed Reno High School in 1879; and

8 WHEREAS, Having coached the Reno Huskies and taught at
9 Reno High School for 38 years, Bud L. Beasley Athletic Complex
10 was named in honor of his dedication to his students and of the
11 inspiration he gave to the many athletes he coached over the years;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, The entryway of Bud Beasley Elementary School in
14 Sparks bears a dedication plaque which quotes the school's
15 namesake "May this school become not a shrine to me, but an
16 opportunity for all who enter herein," echoing his selfless
17 philosophy of serving the children of Nevada; and

18 WHEREAS, Bud Beasley and his wife of 67 years, Nellie, cared
19 for dozens of foster children through the years and adopted 17
20 children; and

21 WHEREAS, Bud Beasley is survived by his beloved wife Nellie
22 and his brother Oral "Tex" Beasley of Pacific Grove, California;
23 now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
25 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That Bud Beasley will long be
26 remembered and greatly missed by his many thousands of students
27 as a teacher and coach who truly cared about them and their futures;
28 and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That Bud Beasley set the standard that all educators
30 and coaches should strive to meet; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
32 transmit a copy of this resolution to Bud's loving wife Nellie and to
33 his brother Tex.



