

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 27—Senators Raggio, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Rhoads, Schneider, Tiffany, Titus, Townsend, Washington and Wiener

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing
eminent educator and coach Bud Beasley.

WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature note with profound sorrow the passing of eminent educator and coach Bud Beasley on July 17, 2004, at the age of 93; and

WHEREAS, Born December 8, 1910, in Melrose, New Mexico, and raised in Santa Cruz, California, Bud Beasley became a star athlete at Santa Cruz High School and was encouraged by his football coach, former Nevada All-American James “Rabbit” Bradshaw, to attend the University of Nevada, Reno; and

WHEREAS, Bud Beasley began his career as an educator in 1934 as a student teacher, and he has received commendations from four Presidents of the United States and two Nevada Governors, been named Phi Delta Kappa Nevada Teacher of the Year and been recognized by the Nevada-California-Hawaii District of Kiwanis International as Educator of the Year; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Known for his good humor, dynamic storytelling and genuine affection for his students, Bud Beasley loved children and loved to teach, with a special knack for those students who were in difficult circumstances, and his positive outlook on life motivated

many students who may have given up on their education were it not for his influence; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, When Reno High School was moved from its old building to a new one in 1951, Bud Beasley saw precious memorabilia being tossed away, motivating him to begin plans to preserve Reno High history in what is now the Link Piazza Alumni Center, named after a former student of Bud Beasley and built on the Reno High campus, a virtual museum filled with Re-Wa-Ne yearbooks dating from 1906, band uniforms from 1950, a letter sweater from 1921, a diploma from 1905, class rings and trophies and, the pride and joy of the Association, the bell from the building that housed Reno High School in 1879; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

