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SUMMARY—Memorializes former First Lady Carolyn O’Callaghan. (BDR R-466)

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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 former First Lady Carolyn O’Callaghan.

- 1 WHEREAS, Fulfilling the demands and expectations placed on
2 the First Lady of Nevada is a uniquely challenging responsibility;
3 and
4 WHEREAS, Carolyn Randall O’Callaghan quietly and graciously
5 took charge of the role with the greatest dignity, serving Nevadans
6 in such a way as to evoke the admiration of everyone who knew her,
7 as well as those who will imitate her as a model and guidepost in the
8 future; and
9 WHEREAS, Carolyn Randall, the daughter of Claude and
10 Marjorie Randall, was born on December 15, 1935, in Twin Falls,
11 Idaho, where she spent many happy childhood hours playing in the



1 greenhouses behind her family's flower shop, and is remembered as
2 a nature lover and a tomboy who enjoyed riding stick horses in the
3 fields; and

4 WHEREAS, In spite of her tomboyish propensities, this young
5 lady early revealed her maternal instincts, as her sister Harriet
6 recalls that Carolyn "on her own as a teenager took on the
7 responsibility of looking after me" and "took me everywhere with
8 her"; and

9 WHEREAS, Carolyn attended the University of Idaho in
10 Moscow, where she met Mike O'Callaghan, and the two were
11 married on August 25, 1954, and remained devoted to each other
12 during the almost 50 years they were together; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1971, when Mike became Governor and Carolyn
14 assumed her position as First Lady of Nevada, she set a standard for
15 hospitality that is unequaled by maintaining the proper
16 sophistication while truly making the Governor's Mansion the house
17 of the people of Nevada, as seen in her custom of rising early each
18 morning to serve coffee at the kitchen table and discuss the issues of
19 the day with the mailman, milkman and whoever else might be
20 passing by and in her joy of "spooking-up" the Mansion at
21 Halloween and making hundreds of bags of popcorn to hand to
22 trick-or-treaters; and

23 WHEREAS, One favorite story about this very special First Lady
24 involves the time when the Governor received word that picketers
25 from Las Vegas had gathered at the Governor's Mansion to protest
26 his support of the motorcycle helmet law, but on arriving to evaluate
27 the situation, he discovered only dozens of picket signs on the porch
28 and lawn because Carolyn, explaining that those people had come
29 all the way from Las Vegas and it was cold outside, had everyone in
30 the kitchen being served coffee, hot chocolate and lunch; and

31 WHEREAS, In her private life, Carolyn was known for athletic
32 ability that enabled her to win numerous bowling tournaments and
33 pro-am golf championships, and as a person who could do anything
34 she set her mind to, she even included the driving of school buses
35 and moving vans as well as the building of an addition to the family
36 home in her repertoire of skills; and

37 WHEREAS, In addition to athleticism, keen driving abilities and
38 carpentry, Carolyn excelled as a guitar player, gourmet cook, crack
39 shot and masterful angler who, in fact, just 3 weeks before her
40 death, had taken several of her grandchildren on a fishing expedition
41 to Lake Mead; and

42 WHEREAS, As a wife, Carolyn's love and support for her
43 husband knew no limits, and even though she disagreed with him on
44 many issues, she knew they thought alike regarding all the most



1 important subjects including their children, their family and their
2 home; and

3 WHEREAS, Her children remember Carolyn as a “class lady” and
4 a mom who created a tight-knit family in a home filled with love,
5 living intensely her belief that family came before politics; and

6 WHEREAS, Underneath all the external qualities making her
7 such a remarkable woman, lay the vivaciousness and inner beauty
8 that created the magnetic charisma of this First Lady whom friends
9 remember as a generous benefactor completely consumed with
10 doing good for others and as a mentor who taught them how to be
11 better people; and

12 WHEREAS, Carolyn Randall O’Callaghan slipped away on
13 August 7, 2004, only a few months after losing the love of her life,
14 and those who knew her well find comfort in believing that she and
15 Mike are together in a better place and that they did indeed celebrate
16 that 50th wedding anniversary together; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
18 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 73rd Session of
19 the Nevada Legislature express their respect and admiration for
20 Carolyn Randall O’Callaghan as a loving, compassionate, dedicated
21 wife and mother who served the people of Nevada as their First
22 Lady with the honor and dignity befitting that position, and they
23 offer their sincerest condolences to Carolyn’s beloved family and to
24 the friends whose love and respect she earned through the quality of
25 the life she lived; and be it further

26 RESOLVED, That Carolyn O’Callaghan will always be
27 remembered fondly in the annals of great personages of the State of
28 Nevada; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
30 transmit a copy of this resolution to Carolyn’s treasures on Earth,
31 her children Michael, Brian, Tim, Colleen and Teresa.



