

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 32—SENATORS HORSFORD, AMODEI, BEERS, CARE, CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, HARDY, HECK, LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, RAGGIO, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TIFFANY, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

MAY 9, 2005

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN HORNE, ALLEN, ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY JR., ATKINSON, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, CONKLIN, DENIS, GANSERT, GERHARDT, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HARDY, HETTRICK, HOGAN, HOLCOMB, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MABEY, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MCCLEARY, MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PERKINS, PIERCE, SEALE, SHERER, SIBLEY, SMITH AND WEBER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Commends Dr. Claude Perkins, former Superintendent of Schools in Clark County, for his service to Clark County School District and encourages naming of school in his honor. (BDR R-1251)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commending Dr. Claude Perkins, former Superintendent of Schools in Clark County, for his service to the Clark County School District and encouraging the naming of a school in his honor.

- 1 WHEREAS, Dr. Claude Perkins began his distinguished career in
- 2 education in 1971 after being hired to serve as assistant to the
- 3 Superintendent of Schools in Clark County by Governor Kenny
- 4 Guinn, who placed him in charge of desegregation programs; and



1 WHEREAS, In 1978, Dr. Perkins was hired by the Clark County
2 School Board to replace Kenny Guinn in the District's top post, thus
3 becoming the only African American to serve as Superintendent of
4 Schools in Clark County; and

5 WHEREAS, During his 3-year tenure as Superintendent of
6 Schools, Dr. Perkins pushed successfully for an increase in
7 requirements for graduation from high school, exceeding those
8 required by the State with an additional year of mathematics, a
9 fourth year of English and a course of study in world history; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Perkins' track record included an increase in the
11 rate of attendance at schools throughout the Clark County School
12 District, the establishment of a stricter dress code on campuses and a
13 reduction in class sizes; and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Perkins was also responsible for gains in the
15 performance of students on standardized tests, an increase in the
16 percentage of women hired as administrators and department heads
17 and an expansion of vocational programs; and

18 WHEREAS, Since the resignation of Dr. Perkins as
19 Superintendent of Schools in Clark County in 1981, a campaign has
20 been under way to have a school within Clark County named after
21 Claude Perkins and this campaign was recently endorsed by
22 Governor Kenny Guinn; and

23 WHEREAS, In the words of the Governor through his
24 spokesman, "Claude Perkins has had a distinguished career in
25 education and deserves to be honored by the Clark County School
26 District"; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
28 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada
29 Legislature hereby commend Dr. Claude Perkins for his dedicated
30 service and many accomplishments as a school administrator for the
31 Clark County School District from 1978 to 1981, and encourage the
32 Clark County School Board to publicly recognize and honor Dr.
33 Perkins by naming a school after him; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
35 transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Claude Perkins, former
36 Superintendent of Schools in Clark County, and the Chairman and
37 each member of the Clark County School District Board of School
38 Trustees.

