

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

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, Ocegueda, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Perkins, Pierce, Seale, Sherer, Sibley, Smith and Weber

FILE NUMBER.....

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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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