

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 36—SENATORS COFFIN, AMODEI, BEERS, CARE, CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, HARDY, HECK, HORSFORD, LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, RAGGIO, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TIFFANY, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

MAY 11, 2005

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN GIUNCHIGLIANI, ALLEN, ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY JR., ATKINSON, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, CONKLIN, DENIS, GANSERT, GERHARDT, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HARDY, HETTRICK, HOGAN, HOLCOMB, HORNE, 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—Memorializes former Assemblywoman Eileen Brookman. (BDR R-229)

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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 Assemblywoman Eileen Brookman.

- 1 WHEREAS, All Nevadans were deeply grieved at the passing of
- 2 former Nevada Assemblywoman Eileen Brookman, who died in her
- 3 home in Las Vegas on July 1, 2004, after a battle with cancer; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Eileen Milstein was born on October 25, 1921, in
- 5 Denver, Colorado, and attended Eagle Rock High School in Los
- 6 Angeles, California, and Los Angeles City College; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Eileen married George Brookman on July 11, 1941,
- 8 while he was in the Army, and after the birth of their two children,
- 9 the family moved to Las Vegas, where George became a general
- 10 contractor and Eileen entered the political arena; and



1 WHEREAS, In 1966, Eileen Brookman was elected to the first of
2 eight terms in the Nevada Assembly, serving in each legislative
3 session from 1967 through 1977 as well as in the 1987 and 1989
4 Sessions; and

5 WHEREAS, Eileen Brookman truly earned the appellation "the
6 embodiment of a citizen Legislator" as, in her own words, she
7 fought for "the little people" by advocating for senior citizens,
8 persons with disabilities, minorities, persons with low incomes,
9 women, who were not as well-represented in the Legislature as they
10 are now, and children; and

11 WHEREAS, "Queenie," as she was fondly nicknamed by those
12 who admired her, was a sponsor of such legislative milestones as the
13 reorganization of the Nevada National Guard and adoption of the
14 Nevada Code of Military Justice, creation of the Aging Services
15 Division of the Department of Human Resources, prohibition of
16 discrimination in private employment on the basis of age,
17 entitlement of senior citizens to vote by absent ballot, passage of the
18 "hate crimes" bill for Nevada and creation of the Governor's
19 Advisory Council on Education Relating to the Holocaust; and

20 WHEREAS, Eileen Brookman's dedicated service to the people
21 of this State was demonstrated by her participation on many
22 different committees in the Assembly, and by her service as Chair of
23 the Assembly Committee on Federal, Indian and Military Affairs
24 and the Assembly Committee on Legislative Functions; and

25 WHEREAS, Many former colleagues warmly remember Eileen as
26 a mentor, mother, sister, nurse and friend around whose desk they
27 often gathered for practical assistance or nurturing; and

28 WHEREAS, Eileen Brookman's service to our State was not only
29 in the Legislature but also consisted of her participation in the
30 Indian Affairs Commission, the Las Vegas Ethics Review Board
31 and numerous other civic organizations, as well as her chairmanship
32 of the Taxicab Authority of the Department of Business and
33 Industry; and

34 WHEREAS, Many honors have been bestowed upon this dynamic
35 woman including Woman of the Year for Clark County,
36 Humanitarian Mother of the Year Award for Clark County, the
37 Nevada Distinguished Citizen Award from the Board of Regents of
38 the University of Nevada, and the Brotherhood Award of the
39 National Conference of Christians and Jews; and

40 WHEREAS, Eileen was not only dedicated to serving the people
41 of Nevada but also recognized the priorities of being a wife and
42 mother; now, therefore, be it

43 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
44 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 73rd Session of
45 the Nevada Legislature offer their sincerest condolences and



1 heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Eileen
2 Brookman, a dedicated, energetic, caring woman who fought for the
3 rights of those who most needed a voice; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the rich legacy left by Eileen Brookman lives
5 on in her family, the changes that she instituted through legislation
6 as an Assemblywoman in Nevada, the elementary school in Las
7 Vegas that is named in her honor and the hearts of all those who
8 knew and appreciated her; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
10 transmit a copy of this resolution to George Brookman, Eileen's
11 husband of 62 years, and to her daughter, Deborah.



