

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

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing former Assemblywoman Eileen Brookman.

WHEREAS, All Nevadans were deeply grieved at the passing of former Nevada Assemblywoman Eileen Brookman, who died in her home in Las Vegas on July 1, 2004, after a battle with cancer; and

WHEREAS, Eileen Milstein was born on October 25, 1921, in Denver, Colorado, and attended Eagle Rock High School in Los Angeles, California, and Los Angeles City College; and

WHEREAS, Eileen married George Brookman on July 11, 1941, while he was in the Army, and after the birth of their two children, the family moved to Las Vegas, where George became a general contractor and Eileen entered the political arena; and

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

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

WHEREAS, “Queenie,” as she was fondly nicknamed by those who admired her, was a sponsor of such legislative milestones as the reorganization of the Nevada National Guard and adoption of the Nevada Code of Military Justice, creation of the Aging Services Division of the Department of Human Resources, prohibition of discrimination in private employment on the basis of age, entitlement of senior citizens to vote by absent ballot, passage of the

“hate crimes” bill for Nevada and creation of the Governor’s Advisory Council on Education Relating to the Holocaust; and

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature offer their sincerest condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the family and many friends of Eileen Brookman, a dedicated, energetic, caring woman who fought for the rights of those who most needed a voice; and be it further

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

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