

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 39—SENATORS RAGGIO, AMODEI, BEERS, CARE, CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, HARDY, HECK, HORSFORD, LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TIFFANY, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

MAY 12, 2005

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes noted philanthropist and Nevada gaming pioneer Warren Nelson. (BDR R-702)

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

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing noted philanthropist and Nevada gaming pioneer Warren Nelson.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature were deeply  
2 saddened at the passing of noted philanthropist and Nevada gaming  
3 pioneer Warren Nelson on September 23, 2004, at the age of 91; and  
4 WHEREAS, Born to Bertha Meisenbach Nelson and Lawrence  
5 Nelson on January 19, 1913, in Great Falls, Montana, Warren  
6 Nelson began his career in the gaming business in Montana during  
7 the depression, coming to Reno in 1936 to run the keno game at the  
8 old Palace Club; and  
9 WHEREAS, After joining the Marine Corps in 1942, Warren  
10 Nelson was stationed in San Francisco, California, where he met



1 Pat Futter, one of only 17 women master sergeants in the Corps, and  
2 the couple were married on Valentine's Day in 1946; and

3 WHEREAS, Upon his return to Reno, Warren assisted Bill Harrah  
4 in opening Harrah's Club, and also gained experience working in  
5 various capacities at the Mapes Hotel and the Little Waldorf, until  
6 1962 when he and his partners bought the Club Cal Neva in the  
7 heart of downtown Reno; and

8 WHEREAS, Recognized as a creative thinker and an innovator in  
9 the gaming industry, Warren Nelson was one of the first inductees  
10 into the Gaming Hall of Fame in 1989 and served as President of the  
11 Nevada Gaming Industry Association for 5 years; and

12 WHEREAS, With his great sense of humor and a personality  
13 bigger than life, Warren made many lifelong friends, and some of  
14 the most satisfying personal and professional relationships were  
15 formed with colleagues that he served with on the board of directors  
16 of such companies as Boyd Gaming and International Game  
17 Technology; and

18 WHEREAS, Warren Nelson founded the Truckee Meadows Boys  
19 and Girls Club, served on the Board of Regents of the University of  
20 Nevada and was a trustee on the Board of the National Jewish  
21 Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine in Denver; and

22 WHEREAS, According to his daughter Gail Nelson, "He was  
23 known for his gaming career and his generosity to the community  
24 and to other communities, but he was always helping people, and  
25 that's what he should really be remembered for"; and

26 WHEREAS, His belief in education was evidenced by his  
27 generous donations to Carroll College in his home state of Montana,  
28 where he also provided more than 50 students with scholarships, and  
29 to the University of Nevada, Reno; and

30 WHEREAS, In addition to his philanthropic interests, the avid  
31 outdoorsman was an expert fisherman and had a special love for his  
32 hunting dogs; and

33 WHEREAS, Warren Nelson is survived by his wife, Pat, their son  
34 Greg of Taos, New Mexico, their daughter Gail of Reno and three  
35 granddaughters; now, therefore, be it

36 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE  
37 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That Warren Nelson will be greatly  
38 missed by his many friends, his colleagues and his family; and be it  
39 further

40 RESOLVED, That the members of the 73rd Session of the Nevada  
41 Legislature extend their heartfelt condolences to the family of  
42 Warren Nelson; and be it further



- 1       RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
- 2 transmit a copy of this resolution to his loving wife Pat, his son
- 3 Greg and his daughter Gail.



