

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 43—Senators Raggio, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Rhoads, Schneider, Tiffany, Titus, Townsend, Washington and Wiener

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing former District Court Judge John W. Barrett.

WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature were saddened to learn of the passing of native Nevadan and former District Court Judge John W. Barrett on June 19, 2004; and

WHEREAS, John W. Barrett was born in Reno, Nevada, on June 9, 1917, to Esther Catherine Johns Barrett and William Patrick Barrett, both of pioneer families from Reno and the Carson Valley; and

WHEREAS, Although the Barrett family included three generations of stonemasons, including John's grandfather who crafted the Nevada Memorial Stone on the Washington National Monument, William Barrett did not encourage John to join the family business, instead he encouraged him to embark on a different career path; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from the University of Nevada, Reno, in 1939, John enlisted in the United States Army Reserve and witnessed the attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, while he was stationed at Schofield Barracks; and

WHEREAS, John continued bravely serving his country in the United States Army until the end of World War II, receiving a Silver Star, a Bronze Star and a Combat Infantry Badge before retiring from military service as a Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law in 1949, John returned to Nevada to practice law in Reno and Hawthorne before serving as a Deputy Attorney General for the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Upon the death of Judge Mastretti in 1961, Governor Grant Sawyer appointed John Barrett to the Washoe County District

Court, Department Number 2, where Judge Barrett continued to preside, unchallenged at any election since 1962, until his retirement from the bench in 1985; and

WHEREAS, In presiding over numerous trials during his 24 years on the bench, including the Priscilla Ford trial, Judge John W. Barrett is best remembered for his strong sense of fairness and adherence to the law, his instrumental role in working with Judge Tom Craven to bring the National Judicial College to Reno and for being a founding member of the Nevada Judicial Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, Although Judge Barrett was soft spoken, his family and friends knew him as an avid outdoorsman with a great sense of humor, a gift for storytelling and a deep love for his wife, whom John affectionately referred to as "M," and his children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter and the rest of his family; 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 sincere condolences to the family and friends of Judge John W. Barrett; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the legacy of Judge John W. Barrett's exemplary judicial career and tireless effort to preserve the history of the courts of Nevada will continue to inspire judges for generations to come; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to John Barrett's beloved family.