

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—ASSEMBLYMEN
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WOODHOUSE

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SUMMARY—Commemorates philanthropist and social justice
activist Maya Miller. (BDR R-1143)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commemorating
philanthropist and social justice activist Maya Miller.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the 74th Session of the Nevada
- 2 Legislature are saddened by the loss of Maya Miller, a
- 3 philanthropist and social justice activist, who passed away on
- 4 May 31, 2006, at 90 years of age; and
- 5 WHEREAS, A woman of independent means, Maya could have
- 6 been satisfied to live the lavish life of a socialite in a mansion, but
- 7 preferred her ranch in Washoe Valley, where she served her
- 8 homemade bread and soup to friends and family, along with
- 9 conversation concerning solutions to the social problems of the



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1 world, where she inspired others to take up the fight for those who
2 could not stand up for themselves; and

3 WHEREAS, An adamant feminist, Maya Miller knew that the
4 way out of poverty for women and children was to provide women
5 with child care, job training and housing so they could become self-
6 sufficient, and she fought for welfare reform to give dignity and
7 respect to those on welfare; and

8 WHEREAS, Maya ran, though unsuccessfully, for the United
9 States Senate in Nevada to bring attention to women in politics,
10 changing the face of state politics both literally and figuratively by
11 funding campaigns for women, and was instrumental in founding
12 the national Women's Campaign Fund, which sponsors female
13 candidates seeking political office, and the Nevada Women's Fund,
14 which addresses critical social needs of women in Nevada; and

15 WHEREAS, Not satisfied to donate only money, Maya was a
16 warrior in the fight against poverty, racism, injustice and war,
17 proving her moxie at the age of 75 by driving a truck with infant
18 formula, food and medical supplies from Jordan to Baghdad, Iraq,
19 during the Persian Gulf War, despite the embargo; and

20 WHEREAS, Maya looked beyond the borders of Nevada and the
21 United States by working for peace and human rights in such places
22 as Guatemala, Nicaragua and Iraq; and

23 WHEREAS, Concerned with the environment, Maya testified
24 against storage of nuclear waste in Nevada, a stance which was
25 unheard of at the time, cofounded the Foresta Institute for Ocean
26 and Mountain Studies and helped to create the Lake Tahoe-Nevada
27 State Park which includes Sand Harbor; now, therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
29 SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada
30 Legislature extend condolences to the family of Maya Miller, who
31 will be missed for her generosity of spirit and her passion for and
32 commitment to the social issues that she spent her life fighting for;
33 and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That Maya is survived by her daughter and three
35 grandchildren; and be it further

36 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
37 transmit a copy of this resolution to Maya's daughter Kit Miller.

