

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 11—Assemblymen Buckley, Allen, Anderson, Arberry, Atkinson, Beers, Bobzien, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Cobb, Conklin, Denis, Gansert, Gerhardt, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Hardy, Hogan, Horne, Kihuen, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Mabey, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, Mortenson, Munford, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Stewart, Weber and Womack

Joint Sponsors: Senators Titus, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Raggio, Rhoads, Schneider, Townsend, Washington, Wiener and Woodhouse

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

WHEREAS, The members of the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature are saddened by the loss of Maya Miller, a philanthropist and social justice activist, who passed away on May 31, 2006, at 90 years of age; and

WHEREAS, A woman of independent means, Maya could have been satisfied to live the lavish life of a socialite in a mansion, but preferred her ranch in Washoe Valley, where she served her homemade bread and soup to friends and family, along with conversation concerning solutions to the social problems of the world, where she inspired others to take up the fight for those who could not stand up for themselves; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Not satisfied to donate only money, Maya was a warrior in the fight against poverty, racism, injustice and war, proving her moxie at the age of 75 by driving a truck with infant



formula, food and medical supplies from Jordan to Baghdad, Iraq, during the Persian Gulf War, despite the embargo; and

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

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

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

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

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

