

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—ASSEMBLYMEN
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HORNE, KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, LESLIE,
MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, MUNFORD,
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APRIL 16, 2007

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AND WOODHOUSE

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Honors Richard Matta, the Band Instructor at Walter
Johnson Junior High School in Las Vegas.
(BDR R-1107)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Honoring Richard
Matta, the Band Instructor at Walter Johnson Junior High
School in Las Vegas.

- 1 WHEREAS, Richard Matta was born and raised on a farm in
- 2 Central Illinois, where his passion for music started at an early age
- 3 while playing the trumpet in his junior high school band; and
- 4 WHEREAS, His passion for music and teaching led Richard to
- 5 Murray State University where he received a bachelor's degree in
- 6 music education and to the University of Illinois where he received
- 7 a master's degree in music education; and



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1 WHEREAS, Richard Matta has studied and performed with many
2 world-renowned musicians, such as Vince Cichowicz, who is
3 regarded as one of North America's foremost experts in brass
4 pedagogy; and

5 WHEREAS, Prior to his relocation to Nevada, Richard Matta
6 taught music to students in Illinois, Texas and Wisconsin, and is
7 now in his 19th year as a band director for the Clark County School
8 District, and many of his students have continued on to perform in
9 top musical positions throughout the country; and

10 WHEREAS, During his tenure in Clark County, Richard has
11 consistently had the top bands in the District at festivals, and his
12 concerts are always enthusiastically received; and

13 WHEREAS, Richard Matta is a cancer survivor, thanks to one of
14 his first music students who is now a world-class oncologist, who
15 flew from Peoria, Illinois, to Las Vegas to supervise personally
16 Richard's treatment for non-Hodgkin's lymphoma; and

17 WHEREAS, Richard Matta's passion for music and commitment
18 to his students could not be quelled by his illness, and he continued
19 to teach even while he was receiving cancer treatments; and

20 WHEREAS, Richard Matta's other passion is his family, the
21 childhood sweetheart he married 45 years ago, his two children, four
22 grandchildren and great-grandchild, all of whom reside in Las
23 Vegas; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
25 SENATE CONCURRING, That the Nevada State Legislature and the
26 residents of the State of Nevada recognize what an inspiration
27 Richard Matta is to his students, his peers and the residents of this
28 State; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That the residents of the State of Nevada are
30 encouraged to follow Richard Matta's advice to "find their dream,
31 set goals and go for it"; and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That the Legislature and the residents of the State of
33 Nevada thank Richard Matta for his hard work and dedication in
34 furthering the musical talent and appreciation for music in this State;
35 and be it further

36 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
37 transmit a copy of this resolution to Richard Matta.

