

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 19—Assemblymen Mabey, Allen, Anderson, Arberry, Atkinson, Beers, Bobzien, Buckley, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Cobb, Conklin, Denis, Gansert, Gerhardt, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Hardy, Hogan, Horne, Kihuen, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, Mortenson, Munford, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Stewart, Weber and Womack

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

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

WHEREAS, Richard Matta was born and raised on a farm in Central Illinois, where his passion for music started at an early age while playing the trumpet in his junior high school band; and

WHEREAS, His passion for music and teaching led Richard to Murray State University where he received a bachelor's degree in music education and to the University of Illinois where he received a master's degree in music education; and

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

