

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION NO. 15—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, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PIERCE, SEGERBLUM, SETTELMAYER, SMITH, STEWART, WEBER AND WOMACK

MAY 11, 2007

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Congratulates Laurie Richardson for her recognition as the 2006 National Mother of the Year by American Mothers, Inc. (BDR R-1498)

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

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1 WHEREAS, Laurie Richardson of Henderson is the proud mother
2 of seven children, more than half of whom were adopted, and she
3 has nurtured countless other children during the 29 years she
4 welcomed children into her home as a foster parent; and

5 WHEREAS, Laurie began her advocacy work assisting foster
6 children in the courts of California, saying later that letting her
7 foster license lapse after 29 years was “like going to my own
8 funeral”; and

9 WHEREAS, In August 1994, the Richardson family moved to
10 Nevada where Laurie continued to advocate for children in a new
11 setting, the public schools; and

12 WHEREAS, After working with the Clark County School District
13 to secure appropriate services for her adopted son, who had learning
14 disabilities and was nonverbal, Laurie began assisting other parents
15 of special needs children as a parent-guardian mentor for the Clark
16 County School District’s Friends of Special Education program; and



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1 WHEREAS, Laurie continues to advocate for this growing
2 population of children in her role at Clark County Legal Services
3 where she works with children and their parents to understand
4 certain entitlements under federal law and to secure special services
5 through the Clark County School District; and

6 WHEREAS, In her role as a mother, Laurie believes that positive
7 feedback is an important part of parenting and that "by focusing on
8 things children do right, it helps to foster positive attitudes" and
9 leads to positive parenting; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That
11 the members of the Assembly of the 74th Session of the Nevada
12 Legislature hereby congratulate Laurie Richardson for being
13 recognized as the 2006 National Mother of the Year by American
14 Mothers, Inc., and the first national winner from Nevada since the
15 award presentations began in 1935; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That Laurie Richardson is hereby commended for
17 being a dedicated mother, a devoted grandmother, a true friend and
18 a remarkable person whose work continues to improve children's
19 lives; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
21 transmit a copy of this resolution to Laurie Richardson.

