

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, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Stewart, Weber and Womack

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ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION—Congratulating Laurie Richardson for her recognition as the 2006 National Mother of the Year by American Mothers, Inc.

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That the members of the Assembly of the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby congratulate Laurie Richardson for being recognized as the 2006 National Mother of the Year by American



Mothers, Inc., and the first national winner from Nevada since the award presentations began in 1935; and be it further

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

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

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