

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 17—Senator Lee

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging the Governor to dedicate the new Department of Motor Vehicles building in North Las Vegas in honor of former Speaker of the Assembly Paul W. May, Jr.

WHEREAS, Paul W. May, Jr., was born on January 2, 1928, in the scenic mountain community of Hot Springs, Virginia, and moved to North Las Vegas in 1943; and

WHEREAS, After graduation from Las Vegas High School, Paul May spent 3 years in the United States Army where he studied cryptography; and

WHEREAS, Paul May was first elected to the Nevada Assembly in 1966 and represented District 19 until 1984, addressing crime, tax relief and traffic as some of the major issues in Clark County; and

WHEREAS, Recognized as an expert in matters of Nevada taxation, Paul W. May, Jr., chaired the Assembly Standing Committee on Taxation for 6 of the 10 regular sessions he served; and

WHEREAS, As Speaker of the Assembly in 1979, Paul W. May, Jr., was responsible for a memorable moment at the end of the 1979 Legislative Session when he put a towel over the clock so that Assembly members would not get paid for an extra day of per diem as the session moved past midnight, resulting in legislative histories describing that as the year the Assembly lasted 134 days and the Senate lasted 135 days, even though they both ended at the same time; and

WHEREAS, After his resignation from the Assembly in 1984, Paul W. May, Jr., served the residents of southern Nevada through his appointment to the Clark County Commission, and, again, in 1985, when he was appointed to the North Las Vegas City Council; and

WHEREAS, Following a one-term hiatus, Paul W. May, Jr., returned to the Assembly in 1987, forever earning a special place in the political history of the State because of his sponsorship of legislation designed to obtain additional federal money for Nevada, for which he is affectionately known as the “Father of Bullfrog County”; and

WHEREAS, The members of the 71st Session of the Nevada Legislature memorialized Paul May in a Concurrent Resolution after his passing on November 14, 2000; and



WHEREAS, Paul May was honored in 1980, 1991 and 2001 by the Nevada Legislature for his low-key leadership in lifelong dedication to public service, for his willingness to do the unusual to get the work done, for his dry wit and jovial nature and for his love of Nevada, past and present; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature do hereby urge the Governor to direct that the new Department of Motor Vehicles building in North Las Vegas be dedicated in honor of Paul W. May, Jr.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Governor.

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