

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 17—SENATOR LEE

MARCH 26, 2007

Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Urges 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. (BDR R-181)

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

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.

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

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

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

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

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



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1 WHEREAS, After his resignation from the Assembly in 1984,
2 Paul W. May, Jr., served the residents of southern Nevada through
3 his appointment to the Clark County Commission, and, again, in
4 1985, when he was appointed to the North Las Vegas City Council;
5 and

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

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

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

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

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

