

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—SENATORS RAGGIO, AMODEI, BEERS, CARE, CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, HARDY, HECK, HORSFORD, LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON, WIENER AND WOODHOUSE

APRIL 2, 2007

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN PARNELL, 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, MABEY, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM, SETTELMAYER, SMITH, STEWART, WEBER AND WOMACK

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Commends Father Jerry Hanley in honor of his retirement after 30 years of service with the St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Community in Carson City. (BDR R-1452)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commending Father Jerry Hanley in honor of his retirement after 30 years of service with the St. Teresa of Avila Catholic Community in Carson City.

- 1 WHEREAS, The end of an era for the St. Teresa of Avila Catholic
- 2 Community in Carson City will occur on July 1, 2007, as Father Jerry
- 3 Hanley retires after 30 years of service at the parish; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Born on October 16, 1936, Father Jerry grew up in
- 5 Detroit, Michigan, worked as a steel sales engineer, and witnessed
- 6 the destruction and rioting which plagued his city during the 1960s
- 7 as a result of the social injustices suffered by many; and



1 WHEREAS, According to Father Jerry, his involvement in many
2 social justice areas ultimately led to his decision to become a priest,
3 and, at 32 years of age, he entered Blessed John XXIII National
4 Seminary in Boston, Massachusetts; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1973, Father Jerry was ordained at St. Rita Parish,
6 his home parish in Detroit, and was first assigned to serve at Our
7 Lady of Las Vegas Catholic Church and St. Francis de Sales
8 Catholic Church, both in Las Vegas, before coming to Carson City
9 in 1977; and

10 WHEREAS, During the 30 years that Father Jerry has served as
11 shepherd at St. Teresa's, he has performed hundreds of weddings,
12 funerals and baptisms, has cherished ecumenical friendships with
13 pastors of churches from other denominations in the area, and is
14 proud of his roles in forming with two other local churches Friends
15 in Service Helping, in founding the Community Counseling Center
16 with the late Pat Bates, and most recently, in overseeing a 6-year
17 process of planning and building the new St. Teresa of Avila
18 Catholic Community Church on Lompa Lane in Carson City; and

19 WHEREAS, Father Jerry has made a tremendous impact not only
20 on the Catholic community at St. Teresa's as a gifted preacher and a
21 leader who has built a strong sense of community among his
22 parishioners, but on the entire community of Carson City, as well,
23 by cofounding programs to help the needy and persons with drug
24 and alcohol problems, an impetus that can be traced to the riots and
25 martial law that he witnessed in Detroit during the 1960s; now,
26 therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
28 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 74th Session of
29 the Nevada Legislature hereby commend and congratulate Father
30 Jerry Hanley on his retirement after 30 years of service at St.
31 Teresa's and wish him continued happiness as he begins a new
32 chapter of his life; and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That Father Jerry will be truly missed by his family
34 at St. Teresa's but will never be forgotten by the residents of Carson
35 City, a small city in Nevada that he will call home during his
36 retirement; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
38 transmit a copy of this resolution to Father Jerry Hanley in honor of
39 his retirement.

