

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25—SENATORS RAGGIO, AMODEI, BEERS, CARE, CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, HARDY, HECK, HORSFORD, LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON, WIENER AND WOODHOUSE

APRIL 26, 2007

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes former district judge Paul C. Parraguirre. (BDR R-64)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing former district judge Paul C. Parraguirre.

- 1 WHEREAS, The legal community of Nevada lost an ardent
- 2 litigator and leader with the death of Paul C. Parraguirre on
- 3 December 26, 2005; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Descended from Basque shepherders who
- 5 emigrated from Extalar, Spain, in the 1870s, Paul Parraguirre was a
- 6 third-generation Nevadan born in Gardnerville on December 13,
- 7 1923; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Paul Parraguirre earned his law degree from the
- 9 University of Denver School of Law on the same day in 1954 as his
- 10 brothers, David and Lorin, and all three were admitted to the
- 11 Nevada Bar on December 31, 1956; and



1 WHEREAS, Paul's experience as a Nevada deputy attorney
2 general and a chief deputy district attorney for Clark County, as well
3 as his successful private practice, caught the attention of Governor
4 Bob Miller who appointed him to the Fifth Judicial District Court
5 bench in Tonopah to finish out the term of retiring district judge
6 William Beko; and

7 WHEREAS, Paul Parraguirre was chosen to serve as President of
8 the State Bar of Nevada and as a trustee of the Nevada Law
9 Foundation, and his professionalism, civility and collegiality earned
10 him a fellowship in the American College of Trial Lawyers and
11 induction into the American Board of Trial Advocates; and

12 WHEREAS, The practice of law was not the entire life of Paul
13 Parraguirre who was a pilot and served his country as a captain in
14 the Nevada Air National Guard until the early 1970s, and who also
15 enjoyed hunting and fishing whenever he had the opportunity; and

16 WHEREAS, Active in the Basque community, Paul Parraguirre,
17 along with other notable Nevadans of Basque descent, was part of
18 the organizing committee for the first Western Basque Festival held
19 in 1959 and was honored for that contribution during the North
20 American Basque Organization convention held in Reno in 1999;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Paul C. Parraguirre's first passion was his family,
23 and he is survived by his wife Iris, sons Ron and Paul R., daughter
24 Kathy and grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
26 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 74th
27 Legislature offer their deepest condolences to the beloved family of
28 Paul C. Parraguirre; and be it further

29 RESOLVED, That Paul's high standards of ethical conduct, his
30 passion for the law and his reputation as a consummate gentleman
31 will continue to be an inspiration for all those who practice law in
32 the State of Nevada; and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
34 transmit a copy of this resolution to Paul's lifelong companion, his
35 wife Iris.

