

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 28—SENATORS HORSFORD, AMODEI, BEERS, CARE, CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, HARDY, HECK, LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, RAGGIO, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON, WIENER AND WOODHOUSE

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes prominent Filipino-American, public servant and community volunteer Peter Aduja. (BDR R-1455)

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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 prominent Filipino-American, public servant and community volunteer Peter Aduja.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature mourn the
- 2 loss of Peter Aduja, prominent Filipino-American, public servant
- 3 and community volunteer, who had many close ties with Nevada;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, Peter Aduja lived the American dream, brought
- 6 about by his own dedication and hard work, and became an example
- 7 to others; and



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1 WHEREAS, Born in the Philippines, Peter was 7 years of age
2 when his family migrated to Hawaii, where he watched his father
3 labor in the sugar fields for \$1 a day; and

4 WHEREAS, Peter never forgot the hardships and sacrifices his
5 parents made, telling his children that his family “slept on plain
6 wooden boards and cooked over an open flame”; and

7 WHEREAS, After graduating from the University of Hawaii,
8 Peter volunteered for the United States Army in World War II,
9 serving with the First Filipino Infantry Regiment; and

10 WHEREAS, Peter knew the key to a better life was education
11 and, after serving in the Army, used the G.I. Bill to attain his law
12 degree from the Boston University School of Law, allowing him to
13 further pursue his dreams and aspirations; and

14 WHEREAS, Peter became a public servant in many capacities, as
15 a teacher, politician, attorney and district court judge, and became
16 the first person of Filipino ancestry to win a seat in the United States
17 House of Representatives and in the Hawaii State House of
18 Representatives; and

19 WHEREAS, More than 30 community organizations were
20 beneficiaries of Peter’s energy and social concern, including the
21 Boy Scouts of America, the Salvation Army and Big Brothers of
22 Hawaii; and

23 WHEREAS, Peter is survived by his daughter Melodie Aduja, his
24 son Jay Peter Aduja, and his two grandchildren William and Amber;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, Daughter Melodie called her father her “mentor and
27 backbone” and said that at age 86, he still did 5 miles a day on the
28 stationary bike, swam laps in the pool and was very health
29 conscious, living life to the fullest; now, therefore, be it

30 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
31 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 74th Session of
32 the Nevada Legislature do hereby extend their heartfelt condolences
33 to the family of Peter Aduja, a man of many achievements with a
34 lifelong dedication to serving others; and be it further

35 RESOLVED, That Peter will remain a role model to many
36 Americans through his many accomplishments, distinguished civic
37 service and historical leadership; and be it further

38 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
39 transmit a copy of this resolution to Peter’s daughter Melodie and
40 his son Jay Peter.

