

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33—ASSEMBLYMEN
ANDERSON; AIZLEY, ARBERRY, ATKINSON, BOBZIEN,
BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, COBB,
CONKLIN, DENIS, DONDERO LOOP, GANSERT, GOEDHART,
GOICOECHEA, GRADY, GUSTAVSON, HAMBRICK, HARDY,
HOGAN, HORNE, KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO,
LESLIE, MANENDO, MASTROLUCA, MCARTHUR, MCCLAIN,
MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL,
PARNELL, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM, SETTELMAYER, SMITH,
SPIEGEL, STEWART AND WOODBURY

MAY 18, 2009

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS RAGGIO; AMODEI, BREEDEN, CARE,
CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, COPENING, HARDY,
HORSFORD, LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, PARKS,
ROADS, SCHNEIDER, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON, WIENER
AND WOODHOUSE

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes the former Director of the Legislative
Counsel Bureau, Arthur J. Palmer. (BDR R-1283)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing the
former Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, Arthur
J. Palmer.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature were deeply
- 2 saddened to learn of the recent passing of Arthur “Art” Judson
- 3 Palmer, Jr., former Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, on
- 4 February 14, 2009; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Born in New Jersey on December 10, 1919, Art
- 6 Palmer drove to Reno in 1939, in his air-cooled Franklin, to attend
- 7 the University of Nevada where he received his bachelor of science
- 8 degree from the College of Agriculture in 1943 and later, his master



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1 of arts degree in political geography from Columbia University in
2 New York in 1950; and

3 WHEREAS, Art Palmer worked for the Legislative Counsel
4 Bureau under contract as early as 1948 and began full-time work
5 with the Bureau on December 30, 1960, serving as Research
6 Assistant, then Research Director and eventually as Director of the
7 Legislative Counsel Bureau from March 1, 1972, until his retirement
8 on October 30, 1984; and

9 WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Arthur J. Palmer, the
10 Legislative Counsel Bureau was modernized into five independent
11 divisions, which continue to the present as the Administrative,
12 Audit, Fiscal Analysis, Legal and Research Divisions, and through
13 the hiring of top-quality attorneys, auditors, fiscal and research
14 analysts, and support staff, the Legislative Counsel Bureau became
15 known as the consummate professional and independent agency for
16 the Legislative Branch of Nevada State Government; and

17 WHEREAS, Art Palmer understood the benefits of affiliating with
18 other state legislatures through the Council of State Governments
19 and the National Conference of State Legislatures, serving with
20 distinction on NCSL's Staff Committee, Executive Committee and
21 Nominating Committee and as Staff Vice President, and he received
22 the 1994 John Everhardt "Trooper" Award and the 1998 Legislative
23 Staff Achievement Award; and

24 WHEREAS, Arthur Judson Palmer was married in 1940 to Alison
25 Mae Cady, an exceptional elementary school teacher who taught in
26 a number of Nevada communities, and together they traveled
27 throughout the United States and abroad and were happily married
28 for 68 years until Alison's passing on June 22, 2008; and

29 WHEREAS, The many years of love, dedication and devotion that
30 Art Palmer demonstrated to his wife, family and friends, as well as
31 the many years dedicated to public service, the State of Nevada and
32 the Nevada Legislature, are hereby commended, honored and shall
33 forever be remembered; now, therefore, be it

34 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
35 SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Nevada
36 Legislature hereby recognize Arthur J. Palmer for his many years of
37 contributions and service to this State and offer their deepest
38 condolences to his family; and be it further

39 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
40 transmit a copy of this resolution to Art and Alison's beloved
41 daughter Cherie Garrison, her husband Bob and granddaughter
42 Kristin Lieby.

