

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, Oceguela, Ohrenschall, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Spiegel, Stewart and Woodbury

Joint Sponsors: Senators Raggio; Amodei, Breeden, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Copenig, Hardy, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Parks, Rhoads, Schneider, Townsend, Washington, Wiener and Woodhouse

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

WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature were deeply saddened to learn of the recent passing of Arthur “Art” Judson Palmer, Jr., former Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, on February 14, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Born in New Jersey on December 10, 1919, Art Palmer drove to Reno in 1939, in his air-cooled Franklin, to attend the University of Nevada where he received his bachelor of science degree from the College of Agriculture in 1943 and later, his master of arts degree in political geography from Columbia University in New York in 1950; and

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

