

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 10—SENATORS RAGGIO;
AMODEI, BREEDEN, CARE, CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN,
COPENING, HARDY, HORSFORD, LEE, MATHEWS,
MCGINNESS, NOLAN, PARKS, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER,
TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON, WIENER AND WOODHOUSE

FEBRUARY 23, 2009

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HAMBRICK, HARDY, HOGAN, HORNE, KIHUEN,
KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MANENDO, MASTROLUCA,
MCARTHUR, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, MUNFORD,
OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARNELL, PIERCE, SEGERBLUM,
SETTELMAYER, SMITH, SPIEGEL, STEWART AND WOODBURY

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes Ensio Joseph Tosolini. (BDR R-74)

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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 Ensio
Joseph Tosolini.

- 1 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada lost an honored war hero,
- 2 veteran activist and local entrepreneur, Ensio Joseph Tosolini, on
- 3 April 10, 2008; and
- 4 WHEREAS, “Toss,” as he was known to most, was born on
- 5 March 25, 1918, in Reana del Rojale, in the province of Udine,
- 6 Italy, to Emelio and Silvia Tosolini; and
- 7 WHEREAS, On March 17, 1927, the Tosolini family landed on
- 8 Ellis Island, eventually settling in Reno and becoming proud
- 9 citizens of the United States; and
- 10 WHEREAS, This patriotism remained with Toss for the rest of his
- 11 days, evidenced by a long and illustrious military career which
- 12 began when he enlisted in the United States Army in 1942 and



1 progressed to honorably earn a Silver Star, a Purple Heart, two
2 Bronze Stars, a French *Croix de Guerre* and a Prisoner of War
3 Medal in World War II; and

4 WHEREAS, This esteemed veteran resumed serving his country
5 in 1959 as an Operations Sergeant in the Nevada Army Guard and
6 as a first Sergeant Major in the 221st Anti-Tank and Nevada's first
7 State Command Sergeant Major; and

8 WHEREAS, In addition to his military career, Ensio Joseph
9 Tosolini was a dedicated businessman, owning and operating Parcel
10 Delivery Service (PDS) for over 20 years; and

11 WHEREAS, He never stopped devoting time to his community,
12 as a Director Emeritus of the Reno Rodeo Association, as well as a
13 revered and active member of the International Footprint
14 Association, Toastmasters International and the Reno Elks Lodge,
15 where he was named "Elk of the Year" in 1984-1985; and

16 WHEREAS, Although he retired from the Nevada Army National
17 Guard in 1978, Ensio Joseph Tosolini remained dedicated to
18 veterans' causes, serving on former Congressman Jim Gibbons'
19 Veterans Advisory Committee and Military Academy Nomination
20 Advisory Board, and becoming an instrumental part of the success
21 of the Veterans Guest House; and

22 WHEREAS, This venerable Nevadan led a rich and fulfilling life,
23 and always made time for cooking wonderful meals to get his family
24 together and making pesto and pickled garlic from his garden's
25 harvest to share with his loved ones; and

26 WHEREAS, Ensio Joseph Tosolini was preceded in death by both
27 of his parents, his sister Velma Castagnola and brother Vanito, and
28 leaves behind his wife Claudette, sister Nori duPre and two
29 daughters, Sheridan Baker and Jennifer Luedtke, in addition to six
30 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, three nephews and a
31 niece; now, therefore, be it

32 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
33 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Session of
34 the Nevada Legislature do hereby extend their sincere condolences
35 to the family and friends of Ensio Joseph Tosolini; and be it further

36 RESOLVED, That Toss will be remembered by all who knew him
37 as an honorable servant of his country and advocate for his fellow
38 veterans, a determined businessman, a benefactor of his community
39 and a devoted man of *la famiglia*; and be it further

40 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
41 transmit a copy of this resolution to Ensio's wife Claudette, sister
42 Nori and daughters Sheridan and Jennifer.

