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AND WOODBURY

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Recognizes Nicholas Clayton Stevens as the 2008
Children’s Miracle Network Miracle Child for
Nevada. (BDR R-1269)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing Nicholas
Clayton Stevens as the 2008 Children’s Miracle Network
Miracle Child for Nevada.

1 WHEREAS, Each year a child is selected from each state in the
2 United States and each province and territory in Canada to bring
3 attention to the 17 million children treated annually by Children’s
4 Miracle Network hospitals for every disease and injury imaginable;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, The Champions Across America program honors
7 these remarkable children who have triumphed despite severe
8 medical challenges, and the selected children act as ambassadors,



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1 meeting local and national leaders and participating in the national
2 television production of the "Children's Miracle Network
3 Celebration," an annual fundraising event; and

4 WHEREAS, Nicholas Clayton Stevens was chosen as the 2008
5 Children's Miracle Network Miracle Child for Nevada; and

6 WHEREAS, Nicholas was born 10 weeks premature with
7 esophageal atresia and tracheoesophageal fistula and spent his first 9
8 weeks in intensive care at Renown Regional Medical Center, the
9 only Children's Miracle Network hospital in Northern Nevada; and

10 WHEREAS, The condition results from the esophagus ending
11 without connecting to the stomach and being attached to the trachea,
12 leaving no way for food from the mouth to reach the stomach and
13 allowing air into the stomach and liquids into the lungs; and

14 WHEREAS, Nicholas would vomit anytime he was lain down in a
15 horizontal position, until surgery at 11 months corrected this
16 problem and finally made it possible for Nicholas to sleep and have
17 his diapers changed while lying down; and

18 WHEREAS, At 24 months of age, Nicholas was also diagnosed
19 with cyclical vomiting syndrome, characterized by recurrent attacks
20 of nausea, vomiting and exhaustion; and

21 WHEREAS, Having undergone 20 surgeries and more than 30
22 hospital admissions during his first 5 years of life, "Nicky" is now
23 11 years old but the size of a 7-year-old, and his favorite t-shirt has
24 the slogan, "Small but Mighty," summing him up well; and

25 WHEREAS, Well-mannered, compassionate and caring to all,
26 Nicholas is also highly energetic, quite skilled in playing the piano
27 and acoustic guitar, enjoys snow skiing, golfing, origami and martial
28 arts and received his black belt in May 2008; now, therefore, be it

29 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
30 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada
31 Legislature hereby recognize Nicholas Clayton Stevens as the 2008
32 Children's Miracle Network Miracle Child for Nevada; and be it
33 further

34 RESOLVED, That Renown Regional Medical Center selected
35 Nicholas for this honor in light of the exceptional strength, courage
36 and hope he has demonstrated; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That in appreciation for all that has been done for
38 millions of children like Nicholas, the residents of Nevada are urged
39 to show their support for the Children's Miracle Network and the
40 nonprofit children's hospitals that depend on communities to help
41 fund the vital services they offer to brave children everywhere; and
42 be it further



- 1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
- 2 transmit a copy of this resolution to Nicholas Clayton Stevens.

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