

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34—SENATORS CEGAVSKE; AMODEI, BREEDEN, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, COPENING, HARDY, HORSFORD, LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, PARKS, RAGGIO, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON, WIENER AND WOODHOUSE

MAY 8, 2009

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes veteran, visionary and community builder Robert A. Swadell. (BDR R-1284)

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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 veteran, visionary and community builder Robert A. Swadell.

- 1 WHEREAS, Where others saw obstacles, longtime Nevada
- 2 resident and veteran Robert Swadell saw opportunities, and his
- 3 pioneering vision continues to shape the communities of Henderson
- 4 and Pahrump; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The son of a military chaplain, Robert was born on
- 6 June 18, 1931, in Fort Bragg, California, and graduated from Balboa
- 7 High School in Panama, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and
- 8 the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia; and



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1 WHEREAS, After combat tours in Korea and Vietnam, he retired
2 in 1972 as a lieutenant colonel but continued to work in
3 communications and intelligence as a civilian; and

4 WHEREAS, Although this great Nevadan's life and career took
5 him to many places across the globe, Henderson became his home
6 in 1975, where he began nearly three decades of public service and
7 community building by serving on committees that oversaw the
8 construction of the city's convention center, main administrative
9 offices, emergency service headquarters and an animal shelter, and
10 he was integral to the launch of the Lake Las Vegas project as well
11 as the creation of the city's Veterans Memorial Wall; and

12 WHEREAS, Even before Robert moved to Pahrump in 2004 with
13 his wife Mary, he had begun to unleash his community-building
14 expertise on that burgeoning area by advocating safety
15 improvements on the highway between Pahrump and Las Vegas as
16 well as a boundary change with Clark County that ensured all of
17 Pahrump's private land was located in Nye County; and

18 WHEREAS, His service to Pahrump included over 12 years of
19 steadfast involvement in the town's push for a community college
20 campus; and

21 WHEREAS, Robert was preceded in death by his brothers Carl
22 and Eric, and is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary, his sister
23 Mary Rose Shelton and her husband George, sisters-in-law Loyd
24 Beth and Joice, nieces Karen, Debbie, Laura and Sally, and nephews
25 Steven, Carl Eric, David, Mark and Eric, as well as many
26 grandnieces and grandnephews; and

27 WHEREAS, His legacy is recognized and revered by the
28 communities he served, and the justice center on Water Street in
29 Henderson graces his name; now, therefore, be it

30 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
31 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Session of
32 the Nevada Legislature hereby express their sorrow over Robert's
33 passing on March 15, 2009, and their sincere condolences to the
34 family and friends of Robert Swadell; and be it further

35 RESOLVED, That this honorable veteran will be remembered by
36 all as a frontiersman who always saw potential and worked
37 devotedly for the prosperity of his community and well-being of his
38 neighbors; and be it further

39 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
40 transmit a copy of this resolution to Robert's wife Mary.

