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SUMMARY—Honors Guy Rocha for his extraordinary service as
Nevada's State Archivist. (BDR R-1033)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Honoring Guy Rocha
for his extraordinary service as Nevada's State Archivist.

1 WHEREAS, Guy Louis Rocha, Nevada's State Archivist since
2 1981, retired on February 2, 2009, after serving this State with great
3 skill, expertise and tireless passion for its history and is regarded as
4 one of the foremost experts on the annals of our State and its
5 political foundations and leaders; and

6 WHEREAS, Nevada's State Archives program, which Guy Rocha
7 carefully guided and enhanced for 28 years, preserves the records
8 that document our governmental history dating back to 1851; and

9 WHEREAS, Through the hard work and vision of Guy Rocha and
10 his staff, Nevada's State Archives now maintains and preserves, in a
11 well-designed, functional and accessible facility, more than 15,000



1 cubic feet of territorial and state government records and over
2 100,000 images of the people and places of Nevada that provide
3 visual information which complement the Archives' documentation
4 of Nevada history; and

5 WHEREAS, In coordination with leaders of the Senate and the
6 staff of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, Guy Rocha worked
7 diligently for 20 years to research and identify early members of the
8 Nevada Senate who made exemplary contributions to the State that
9 merited their induction into the Senate Hall of Fame; and

10 WHEREAS, The Assembly Wall of Distinction and projects
11 recognizing former Assembly Speakers benefited from Guy Rocha's
12 research and deep understanding and appreciation of the Nevada
13 Legislature and the State's political history; and

14 WHEREAS, With great enthusiasm, Guy Rocha dug into
15 Nevada's rich and complex history, willingly shared the many veins
16 of knowledge he uncovered and brought this remarkable story back
17 to life for modern-era Nevadans to both learn from and enjoy; and

18 WHEREAS, Guy's efforts to promote knowledge and
19 understanding of Nevada's fascinating past include hosting the
20 *History for Lunch Bunch*, a local radio program, and the *High*
21 *Desert Forum* on National Public Radio in Reno, being featured on
22 numerous public television segments in *The Nevada Experience*
23 series and serving as a consultant and commentator for a critically
24 acclaimed documentary on the A&E Network, *Las Vegas: Gamble*
25 *in the Desert/House of Cards*; and

26 WHEREAS, Guy Rocha, who grew up in southern Nevada,
27 graduated from Clark High School, received his bachelor's degree
28 from Syracuse University and his master's degree from San Diego
29 State University and took postgraduate studies in history at the
30 University of Nevada, Reno, is perhaps best known as the author of
31 the popular newspaper column "Historical Myth a Month," in which
32 Guy debunked local historical myths that long went unchallenged,
33 using his strong belief that "the truth matters"; now, therefore, be it

34 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
35 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Nevada
36 Legislature recognize that throughout his service to this State, Guy
37 Rocha demonstrated exceptional dedication, enthusiasm and
38 perseverance in accurately chronicling and properly preserving
39 Nevada's history; and be it further

40 RESOLVED, That Nevadans will forever remember the benefits
41 Guy has bestowed on this State, its vital public records program and
42 its overall historical awareness; and be it further

43 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
44 transmit a copy of this resolution to Guy Rocha.

