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

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

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

WHEREAS, Through the hard work and vision of Guy Rocha and his staff, Nevada’s State Archives now maintains and preserves, in a well-designed, functional and accessible facility, more than 15,000 cubic feet of territorial and state government records and over 100,000 images of the people and places of Nevada that provide visual information which complement the Archives’ documentation of Nevada history; and

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

