

Senate Resolution No. 5—Senators Care; Amodei, Breedon, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Copening, Hardy, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Parks, Raggio, Rhoads, Schneider, Townsend, Washington, Wiener and Woodhouse

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SENATE RESOLUTION—Memorializing Robert L. McDonald, Reno attorney and community leader.

WHEREAS, The active, altruistic life of Robert L. McDonald is worthy of the highest esteem and evidences the philosophy that life is to be spent, not saved; and

WHEREAS, Robert was a native Nevadan, born in Reno on March 15, 1920, to newspaper publisher Joseph F. McDonald and Leola Lewis McDonald, and in 1938, he graduated from Reno High School, where he played football and demonstrated his propensity for leadership when he was elected President of the student body; and

WHEREAS, Robert attended Santa Clara University until joining the Army Air Corps in 1941 and earned distinction for his service in the Aleutian Islands and later as Squadron Commander of the 46th Fighter Squadron on the island of Iwo Jima; and

WHEREAS, While he was stationed in Everett, Washington, Robert married his hometown sweetheart, Gloria Peck, on January 27, 1942, and at the end of the war, completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Nevada, Reno, graduated from the University of San Francisco School of Law and became a licensed attorney in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, In 1952, Robert entered the private practice of law and later established the law firm of McDonald Carano Wilson LLP, founded several of Northern Nevada's most successful gaming companies, was a principal in the development of Incline Village and served as a founding member of the Board of Trustees of the Incline Village General Improvement District; and

WHEREAS, Because of the kind and generous nature of Robert and his firmly held belief that every person had the right to legal representation, Robert provided extensive pro bono work to persons who might not otherwise have had assistance; and

WHEREAS, This selfless man's generosity with time and money extended into many realms other than the law, as he helped numerous people get started in business, was instrumental in starting the Junior Ski Program and Pop Warner Football in Reno, even paying for football uniforms and equipment himself, was affiliated with the American Lung Association and, as probably his most



fulfilling project which he took on later in life, founded Fun Camp, Inc., a program that allows underprivileged children to attend summer camp at Mountain Meadow Ranch in the Sierra Nevada Mountains; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That the members of the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature express their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Robert L. McDonald, whose commitment and devotion to his family, community, state and country speak volumes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this feisty Irishman's contributions and accomplishments will long be remembered and remarked upon by those whose lives he touched and that his leadership and dedication to improving the lives of others provides an example for all to follow; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Robert's daughters, Martha McDonald Wagner and Peggy McDonald Montgomery, and his son, Tim McDonald.

