

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8—SENATORS COFFIN; AMODEI,
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PARKS, RAGGIO, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TOWNSEND,
WASHINGTON, WIENER AND WOODHOUSE

MAY 6, 2009

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Honors the accomplishments of Steve Fossett.
(BDR R-615)

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

SENATE RESOLUTION—Honoring the accomplishments of Steve
Fossett.

1 WHEREAS, The spirit of adventure has forever been a
2 cornerstone of our great nation, and no one has personified that
3 quality more than world-famous aviator, business executive and
4 sailor James Stephen Fossett; and

5 WHEREAS, Although Steve Fossett always maintained that he
6 was not a “thrill seeker,” his inclination to “test things out”
7 evidenced itself at the young age of 3 when he discovered the starter
8 button on a car and proceeded to experiment, jerking the car
9 repeatedly down the street for several blocks; and

10 WHEREAS, At the age of 11, Steve joined the Boy Scouts of
11 America, and he attained the rank of Eagle Scout by demonstrating
12 his Scout Spirit, service and leadership, characteristics that fostered
13 the accomplishment of amazing feats throughout his life; and

14 WHEREAS, Steve graduated with a bachelor’s degree in
15 economics from Stanford University in 1966, and in 1968, he earned
16 a master’s degree in business administration from Washington
17 University in St. Louis, Missouri, and in that same year married his
18 beloved wife and lifelong supporter Peggy; and

19 WHEREAS, Launching a successful career in Chicago, this
20 entrepreneur soon began amassing his fortune through trading
21 futures and options, and he established the successful brokerage



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1 companies Lakota Trading, Marathon Securities and Larkspur
2 Securities; and

3 WHEREAS, Steve added high-powered adventure to the family
4 and business aspects of his life and became an American legend as
5 he swam the English Channel, completed an Ironman Triathlon,
6 competed in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race, set cross-country
7 skiing records in Colorado, participated in the Le Mans road race,
8 climbed some of the world's highest peaks, including the
9 Matterhorn and Mount Kilimanjaro, and circumnavigated the earth
10 ballooning, sailing and flying; and

11 WHEREAS, The name Steve Fossett has become somewhat
12 synonymous with achievements in aviation because of such exploits
13 as completing the first around-the-world, nonstop solo balloon
14 flight, setting an absolute world speed record for Zeppelin airships
15 as one of only 17 Zeppelin captains in the world, setting
16 nonsupersonic speed records in a Cessna Citation X and establishing
17 a new world record for glider altitude; and

18 WHEREAS, In 2007, to honor this aviator who holds 116 official
19 world records in the five different fields of sailboats, balloons,
20 airplanes, gliders and airships, the National Aviation Hall of Fame
21 added Steve Fossett's name to the Enshrinee List for Jet Age
22 aviation achievements; and

23 WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature was saddened to learn of the
24 untimely death of this earnest adventurer when the plane he was
25 flying went down not long after taking off from a Nevada ranch on a
26 mission to find an appropriate location for an attempt to break the
27 land speed record in a rocket-propelled car; now, therefore, be it

28 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That the
29 members of the Nevada Senate honor the accomplishments of Steve
30 Fossett and express sincere condolences to his wife and all those
31 who loved him; and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
33 transmit a copy of this resolution to Steve's beloved wife Peggy
34 Fossett.

