

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11—SENATORS KIECKHEFER, BROWER; BREEDEN, CEGAVSKE, COPENING, DENIS, GUSTAVSON, HALSETH, HARDY, HORSFORD, KIHUEN, LEE, LESLIE, MANENDO, MCGINNESS, PARKS, RHOADS, ROBERSON, SCHNEIDER, SETTELMAYER AND WIENER

MAY 18, 2011

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN ANDERSON; AIZLEY, ATKINSON, BENITEZ-THOMPSON, BOBZIEN, BROOKS, BUSTAMANTE ADAMS, CARLTON, CARRILLO, CONKLIN, DALY, DIAZ, DONDERO LOOP, ELLISON, FLORES, FRIERSON, GOEDHART, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HAMBRICK, HAMMOND, HANSEN, HARDY, HICKEY, HOGAN, HORNE, KIRKPATRICK, KIRNER, KITE, LIVERMORE, MASTROLUCA, MCARTHUR, MUNFORD, NEAL, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM, SHERWOOD, SMITH, STEWART AND WOODBURY

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes career military officer Colonel Jerry Bussell (Retired). (BDR R-554)

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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 career military officer Colonel Jerry Bussell (Retired).

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature mourn the
- 2 passing on October 18, 2010, of career military officer Colonel Jerry
- 3 Bussell (Retired); and
- 4 WHEREAS, Born July 31, 1943, in Parsons, Tennessee, to
- 5 farmers of modest means, Jerry moved to Las Vegas at the age of 15
- 6 and later attended the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he
- 7 entered the Reserve Officer Training Corps and received a bachelor
- 8 of science degree and a Regular Army commission in 1967; and



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1 WHEREAS, Colonel Bussell went on to build a stellar military
2 career and to become a staunch supporter of education, two subjects
3 about which he was passionate; and

4 WHEREAS, After proudly serving in Vietnam and achieving the
5 rank of Captain, Colonel Bussell transferred back to Las Vegas
6 because of an illness in his family, and in 1972, he resigned his
7 Regular Army commission to join the Nevada Army National
8 Guard, rising to the rank of full Colonel in 1987; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1985, then Lieutenant Colonel Bussell directed a
10 181-vehicle convoy in 110 degree heat between Henderson, Nevada,
11 and Fort Irwin, California, a 300-mile round-trip through the
12 Mojave Desert, causing Soviet Union intelligence to reassess the
13 strength and training of American reserve units and earning him
14 the Draper Armor Leadership Award, and for an unprecedented 2
15 consecutive years, his unit received the most coveted award in
16 Armor, the Goodrich Riding Trophy, and both awards were
17 attributed to his great leadership skills; and

18 WHEREAS, After retiring from the military in 1993, Jerry
19 pursued his love of golf until called back into service by Governor
20 Kenny Guinn in 2002 to serve as Special Advisor for Homeland
21 Security, then as Chair of the Nevada Commission on Homeland
22 Security, and the Colonel made it his mission every day to make the
23 State a safer place than it was the day before following the terrorist
24 attacks of September 11, 2001; and

25 WHEREAS, Colonel Bussell had the heart and mind of a warrior
26 and, with one of his lifelong missions being to improve the lives of
27 soldiers, had the opportunity to combine his military expertise with
28 his enthusiasm for education when he became the Executive
29 Director of Operations to implement the Telemedicine and
30 Advanced Technology Research Center grant for the Division of
31 Educational Outreach of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas,
32 where his team developed a blended-learning approach to improve
33 the military's Combat Life Saving training and methods for training
34 all soldiers to treat battlefield injuries, thus saving the lives of many
35 of those injured during combat; and

36 WHEREAS, The Colonel was key in the establishment of the
37 Nevada Patriot Fund (now the Nevada Military Support Alliance)
38 which provides personal and financial assistance to the families of
39 Nevada servicemen and women killed in the line of duty; and

40 WHEREAS, In addition to the numerous military awards he
41 received, Colonel Bussell received the 2010 Distinguished Nevadan
42 award, one of the highest honors bestowed by the Nevada System of
43 Higher Education, for his many contributions to education in this
44 State; and



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1 WHEREAS, Colonel Bussell had been planning to run for the
2 Board of Regents because he loved the University of Nevada, Las
3 Vegas, so much that he thought it was the perfect way to contribute
4 and to put his leadership skills and expertise to work; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
7 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 76th Nevada
8 Legislature offer their deepest condolences to Colonel Jerry
9 Bussell's wife Pat Lundvall, who said of him that "He was
10 charming, the most charismatic man you'd ever meet"; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
13 transmit a copy of this resolution to Pat, Colonel Bussell's cherished
14 wife of 28 years.

