

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, Settelmeyer and Wiener

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing career military officer Colonel Jerry Bussell (Retired).

WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature mourn the passing on October 18, 2010, of career military officer Colonel Jerry Bussell (Retired); and

WHEREAS, Born July 31, 1943, in Parsons, Tennessee, to farmers of modest means, Jerry moved to Las Vegas at the age of 15 and later attended the University of Tennessee at Martin, where he entered the Reserve Officer Training Corps and received a bachelor of science degree and a Regular Army commission in 1967; and

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

