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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing visionary leader, businessman and advocate Edmundo “Eddie” Escobedo, Sr.

WHEREAS, With great sadness and expressions of tremendous loss, Nevadans mourned the passing of Edmundo “Eddie” Escobedo, Sr., on October 15, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Eddie was born in Mexico in 1932 and after moving to El Paso, Texas, enlisted in the United States Air Force and served at Nellis Air Force Base, where he worked with sheet metal and as a jet mechanic and parachute rigger, sometimes packing parachutes for the world-famous Thunderbirds; and

WHEREAS, After his honorable discharge, this energetic young man adopted Las Vegas as his hometown, worked two jobs for several years, saved his money and entered the entertainment arena as a promoter of movie stars and performers in various arts; and

WHEREAS, Eddie later opened a movie theater and was elected three times as President of the Spanish Pictures Exhibitors Association, and while serving in that role, brought to Las Vegas the annual conventions that are the Spanish version of the Oscars; and

WHEREAS, In 1980, Eddie took a step into the world of written media when he and his eldest son began publishing a small weekly newspaper, *El Mundo*, which began with 16 pages and advertising that was practically given away but today has a circulation of close to 40,000 and is an undisputed voice of Hispanics in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Because of the tremendous success of *El Mundo*, Eddie was chosen as President of the National Association of



Hispanic Publications and President of the National Hispanic Press Foundation, and in that capacity, he raised large amounts of money for scholarships and internships; and

WHEREAS, Other business endeavors in Las Vegas included co-ownership of a highly successful radio station in the Spanish language, investments in real estate and construction of the Escobedo Professional Plaza; and

WHEREAS, While this visionary leader, businessman and advocate for the Hispanic community was the epitome of the American Dream, he was never too busy living that dream to spend countless hours to support, encourage and inspire others through individual efforts, through the establishment and promotion of community organizations and events and in the political sphere, volunteering in campaigns and encouraging people to vote; and

WHEREAS, Among the abundant awards Eddie received are the Premio Ohtli, one of the highest awards given by the Mexican Government, the Gentleman of Excellence award for community leaders and the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Association of Hispanic Publications; and

WHEREAS, A few of the honors bestowed upon him were his selection as Hispanic of the Month by the City of Las Vegas and Hispanic of the Year by the Latin Chamber of Commerce and, in 2005, the enduring honor of having a middle school named after him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature do hereby extend their earnest condolences to the family and friends of Edmundo Escobedo, Sr.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Edmundo Escobedo will forever remain in the hearts and minds of all whose lives he touched and enriched, and his name will never be forgotten in the annals of our State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Eddie's beloved wife of over 50 years, Maria, and to his children Edmundo, Jr., Nicolas, Hilda and Victor.

