

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 13—SENATORS HORSFORD;  
BREEDEN, BROWER, CEGAVSKE, COPENING, DENIS,  
GUSTAVSON, HALSETH, HARDY, KIECKHEFER, KIHUEN,  
LEE, LESLIE, MANENDO, MCGINNESS, PARKS, RHOADS,  
ROBERSON, SCHNEIDER, SETTELMAYER AND WIENER

MAY 27, 2011

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN MASTROLUCA; AIZLEY,  
ANDERSON, 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, MCARTHUR,  
MUNFORD, NEAL, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PIERCE,  
SEGERBLOM, SHERWOOD, SMITH, STEWART AND  
WOODBURY

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Commends Casey Family Programs for its  
dedication in helping children and families.  
(BDR R-1305)

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

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Family Programs for its dedication in helping children  
and families across the nation.

- 1 WHEREAS, At any given time, there are nearly a half million
- 2 children in foster care in the United States, many of whom have
- 3 suffered abuse or severe neglect and are traumatized by
- 4 circumstances beyond their control; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Jim Casey, the founder of United Parcel Service,
- 6 always credited his mother Annie E. Casey with holding their family
- 7 together after Jim's father died and realized that many children
- 8 lacked the family life he knew to be crucial; and



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1 WHEREAS, Jim Casey, along with his brothers George and Harry  
2 and sister Marguerite, created Casey Family Programs in 1966 to  
3 help children who are unable to live with their birth parents, giving  
4 those children stability and an opportunity to grow to responsible  
5 adulthood; and

6 WHEREAS, With field offices in five states, Casey Family  
7 Programs offers strategic consulting services to about half of the 50  
8 states, including Nevada, provides state and federal lawmakers,  
9 counties and Native American tribes with nonpartisan research and  
10 technical expertise and assists in the crafting of policies and laws to  
11 improve the lives of at-risk children; and

12 WHEREAS, Approximately 270,000 adults incarcerated in  
13 America's prisons were once in foster care, and a child in foster care  
14 has a 25 percent chance of becoming homeless within 18 months  
15 after emancipation from care, is subject to posttraumatic stress  
16 disorder and often is not prepared to live on his or her own after  
17 transitioning from foster care; and

18 WHEREAS, Casey Family Programs has provided a unique tool  
19 to help youths combat these problems by creating the Casey Life  
20 Skills website, which offers online assessments with instant  
21 feedback, customized learning plans and learning resources, as well  
22 as information regarding career planning, daily living, housing and  
23 money management, social relationships, and work and study skills,  
24 to enable youths to get the life skills necessary not only to survive,  
25 but to thrive on their own; and

26 WHEREAS, As the nation's largest operating foundation focused  
27 entirely on foster care and improving the child welfare system,  
28 Casey Family Programs has invested more than \$1.6 billion in  
29 programs and services to benefit children and families in the child  
30 welfare system; and

31 WHEREAS, Over the next decade, Casey Family Programs will  
32 continue to invest to fulfill the 2020 Strategy: A Vision for  
33 America's Children, a plan for safely reducing the number of  
34 children in foster care by 50 percent, improving the lives of those  
35 who remain in foster care and ensuring that children who grow up in  
36 foster care are prepared for independent living and have equitable  
37 access to education, employment and mental health services; and

38 WHEREAS, Improving the future of the nation's children who are  
39 in foster care is a daunting task, but one that Casey Family Programs  
40 has taken on with fervor to protect and ensure the future of our  
41 children; now, therefore, be it

42 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE  
43 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 76th Session of  
44 the Nevada Legislature hereby commend Casey Family Programs  
45 for its commitment to at-risk children and praise its dedication to



- 1 improving the lives of children and families in the child welfare
- 2 system; and be it further
- 3     RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
- 4 transmit a copy of this resolution to Casey Family Programs.

