

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, Settelmeyer and Wiener

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commending Casey Family Programs for its dedication in helping children and families across the nation.

WHEREAS, At any given time, there are nearly a half million children in foster care in the United States, many of whom have suffered abuse or severe neglect and are traumatized by circumstances beyond their control; and

WHEREAS, Jim Casey, the founder of United Parcel Service, always credited his mother Annie E. Casey with holding their family together after Jim's father died and realized that many children lacked the family life he knew to be crucial; and

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

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

WHEREAS, Approximately 270,000 adults incarcerated in America's prisons were once in foster care, and a child in foster care has a 25 percent chance of becoming homeless within 18 months after emancipation from care, is subject to posttraumatic stress



disorder and often is not prepared to live on his or her own after transitioning from foster care; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Improving the future of the nation's children who are in foster care is a daunting task, but one that Casey Family Programs has taken on with fervor to protect and ensure the future of our children; 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 hereby commend Casey Family Programs for its commitment to at-risk children and praise its dedication to improving the lives of children and families in the child welfare system; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Casey Family Programs.

