

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 8—ASSEMBLYMEN  
KIRKPATRICK; AIZLEY, ELLIOT ANDERSON, PAUL  
ANDERSON, BENITEZ-THOMPSON, BOBZIEN, BUSTAMANTE  
ADAMS, CARLTON, CARRILLO, COHEN, DALY, DIAZ,  
DONDERO LOOP, DUNCAN, EISEN, ELLISON, FIORE,  
FLORES, FRIERSON, GRADY, HAMBRICK, HANSEN, HARDY,  
HEALEY, HICKEY, HOGAN, HORNE, KIRNER, LIVERMORE,  
MARTIN, MUNFORD, NEAL, OHRENSCHALL, OSCARSON,  
PIERCE, SPIEGEL, SPRINKLE, STEWART, SWANK,  
THOMPSON, WHEELER AND WOODBURY

MAY 22, 2013

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SETTELMAYER, SMITH, SPEARMAN AND WOODHOUSE

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes John J. McDonald. (BDR R-1231)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing  
John J. McDonald.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the 77th Session of the Nevada
- 2 Legislature note with profound sorrow the loss of John McDonald, a
- 3 man whose legacy continues to enrich his community, on
- 4 February 6, 2013; and
- 5 WHEREAS, John Joseph McDonald was born in Butte, Montana,
- 6 on June 21, 1925, to Frank and Margie McDonald; and
- 7 WHEREAS, After serving in World War II, John married his wife
- 8 Doris in 1952, and the young family moved to Nevada in 1960 to
- 9 put down its roots in Las Vegas; and
- 10 WHEREAS, John worked in various casinos as a card dealer and
- 11 eventually moved up the ranks to become a casino manager; and



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1 WHEREAS, After his retirement in 1990, this lifelong football  
2 fan devoted his time and energy to youth sports, particularly his  
3 mission to ensure that local youth, regardless of background, were  
4 afforded recreational opportunities they may not otherwise have  
5 had; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. McDonald enthusiastically took on the task of  
7 coaching neighborhood children who were cut from the Pop Warner  
8 football team, and as an added bonus to being taught focus,  
9 teamwork and leadership, those children would make the team the  
10 following year; and

11 WHEREAS, In the 1990s, John began working with neighbors  
12 near Buffalo Drive to advocate for the transformation of vacant land  
13 in the area to a youth football-designated complex, and his vision  
14 was realized in 2001 with the opening of All American Park,  
15 featuring six fields for youth football; and

16 WHEREAS, In January of 2012, this community leader's efforts  
17 were recognized with the naming of the John J. McDonald Football  
18 Complex at All American Park; and

19 WHEREAS, A loyal supporter of the sport, John traveled to see  
20 many University of Notre Dame football games, and his last family  
21 vacation was a trip to see Notre Dame win against the University of  
22 Southern California; and

23 WHEREAS, In addition to his sports-related hobbies and  
24 endeavors, John was active in politics and generously devoted time  
25 and energy to many campaigns; and

26 WHEREAS, Because he extended warmth and friendship to  
27 everyone equally, John was fondly known as "Mr. Mac," "Dad" or  
28 "Pops," and his positive outlook and gregarious smile will be  
29 greatly missed; and

30 WHEREAS, John was preceded in death by his beloved wife  
31 Doris Adair McDonald and sons-in-law Terry Pinter and Tommy  
32 Lavin, and he leaves behind daughters Jacquelyn McDonald Lavin  
33 and Kerry Lee McDonald, son Michael J. McDonald and his fiancée  
34 Jolette, grandchildren TJ and Brooke Lavin and great-grandchildren  
35 Justice and Aspen Lavin; now, therefore, be it

36 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE  
37 SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 77th Session of the  
38 Nevada Legislature hereby extend their deepest condolences to  
39 John's beloved family and countless friends; and be it further

40 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and  
41 transmit a copy of this resolution to John's children Jacquelyn,  
42 Kerry Lee and Michael.

