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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing
John J. McDonald.

WHEREAS, The members of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature note with profound sorrow the loss of John McDonald, a man whose legacy continues to enrich his community, on February 6, 2013; and

WHEREAS, John Joseph McDonald was born in Butte, Montana, on June 21, 1925, to Frank and Margie McDonald; and

WHEREAS, After serving in World War II, John married his wife Doris in 1952, and the young family moved to Nevada in 1960 to put down its roots in Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, John worked in various casinos as a card dealer and eventually moved up the ranks to become a casino manager; and

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

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

WHEREAS, In the 1990s, John began working with neighbors near Buffalo Drive to advocate for the transformation of vacant land in the area to a youth football-designated complex, and his vision



was realized in 2001 with the opening of All American Park, featuring six fields for youth football; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

