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SUMMARY—Memorializes former Nevada Attorney General and
Nevada Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles
Springer. (BDR R-1259)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing former
Nevada Attorney General and Nevada Supreme Court
Chief Justice Charles E. Springer.

- 1 WHEREAS, On February 19, 2019, the State of Nevada lost a
2 dedicated and highly distinguished public servant; and
3 WHEREAS, Native Nevadan Charles Springer was born
4 February 20, 1928, in Reno, Nevada, to Edwin and Rose Kelly
5 Springer; and
6 WHEREAS, Charles' early education began in Reno at Mount
7 Rose Elementary School and Billingshurst Junior High School,
8 followed by St. Joseph's College in Mountain View, California,



1 where Charles said he found his true calling in helping the poor, the
2 underprivileged and those discriminated against by others; and

3 WHEREAS, Charles returned to Reno for his senior year at Reno
4 High School and after graduation, at the height of World War II,
5 enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served as a paratrooper in the
6 11th Airborne Division; and

7 WHEREAS, Following his service in the Army, Charles enrolled
8 at the University of Nevada, Reno, met the love of his life,
9 Jacqueline Sirkegian and they were married in 1951; and

10 WHEREAS, After Charles received his Bachelor of Arts degree,
11 the couple moved to Washington, D.C., where Charles attended
12 Georgetown Law School and obtained his Bachelor of Laws degree;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, After returning to Reno in 1953, Charles served as a
15 law clerk in the U.S. District Court and several years later, formed a
16 law partnership, helped to develop and teach the Nevada Bar
17 Review Course, worked as a Legislative Bill Drafter for the Nevada
18 State Legislature and served as the City Attorney for the City of
19 Gabbs, Nevada; and

20 WHEREAS, Charles Springer dedicated his legal career to
21 righting wrongs and the mistreatment of others and in 1962,
22 Governor Grant Sawyer appointed him Attorney General of the
23 State of Nevada; and

24 WHEREAS, From 1973 to 1980, Charles Springer served as the
25 Juvenile Court Master for the Second Judicial District Court and
26 served as an adjunct professor at the McGeorge School of Law and
27 the University of Nevada, Reno, and was on the faculty of the
28 National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges in Reno,
29 Nevada, and the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada, as well
30 as teaching occasionally abroad, and was generally recognized as an
31 expert in the field of juvenile law; and

32 WHEREAS, In 1981, Charles Springer secured his first seat on
33 the Nevada Supreme Court where he would serve for the next 18
34 years, serving twice as Chief Justice; and

35 WHEREAS, While seated on the Supreme Court, Justice Springer
36 headed a study on gender bias in the judiciary, and piloted a study
37 relating to racial discrimination in the State's judicial system; now,
38 therefore, be it

39 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
40 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 80th Session of
41 the Nevada Legislature extend their heartfelt sympathy to Justice
42 Springer's beloved wife of 68 years, Jacqueline, daughter, Kelli
43 Ann, son-in-law, Richard and grandchildren, Charles Tyler, Kelsey
44 Cecelia and Karina Ann; and be it further



1 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
2 transmit a copy of this resolution to Justice Springer's wife,
3 Jacqueline; and be it further
4 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
5 passage.

