

**THE FIFTY-FIRST DAY**

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CARSON CITY (Tuesday), March 27, 2007

Senate called to order at 11 a.m.

President Krolicki presiding.

Roll called.

All present except Senators Amodei and Rhoads, who were excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Marvin Dennis.

Heavenly Father, You love and care for each of us, and I pray that You will help us to realize that Your amazing grace is offered to each of us!

I pray that You will bless the homes and families of each of these Senators who sacrifice time with their families to serve us.

In the Name of the Lord, I pray.

AMEN.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Senator Raggio moved that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with, and the President and Secretary be authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

Motion carried.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, March 26, 2007

*To the Honorable the Senate:*

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 6.

LUCINDA BENJAMIN

*Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly*

WAIVERS AND EXEMPTIONS

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

March 26, 2007

The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.6, has determined the exemption of: Senate Bills Nos. 249, 316, 365, 368, 397, 408, 416, 418, 421.

Also, The Fiscal Analysis Division, pursuant to Joint Standing Rule 14.6, has determined the eligibility for exemption of: Senate Bills Nos. 173, 202, 263, 273, 295, 319, 427.

GARY GHIGGERI

*Fiscal Analysis Division*

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Senators Washington, Mathews, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, McGinness, Nolan, Raggio, Rhoads, Schneider, Titus, Townsend, Wiener and Woodhouse:

Senate Resolution No. 4—Memorializing Reverend Willie J. Wynn, a dedicated minister and prominent Reno resident.

WHEREAS, Nearly 22 years ago on July 3, 1985, Nevada mourned the untimely death of Reverend Willie J. Wynn, a loving husband and father of nine children, a dedicated minister and advocate for ending poverty in this State, and the first African American in the history of the State of Nevada to be appointed to a position on the Governor's cabinet; and

WHEREAS, Willie was called to the ministry at an early age in life and received his license as an Ordained Elder in the Church of God in Christ in 1955, and was the recipient of an honorary Doctorate of Divinity in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Wynn married the love of his life, Rochelle Crisp, on June 11, 1957, in Las Vegas, and they became the proud parents of eight daughters and one son; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, Governor Laxalt made history when he appointed Reverend Wynn, the man who was able to "get things done," to the position of Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, an appointment which was considered a landmark for the State of Nevada because Wynn was the first African American in this State to serve on the Governor's cabinet; and

WHEREAS, Wynn's career with the State of Nevada continued with his appointments as Equal Opportunity Coordinator for the Nevada Highway Department in 1973 and as Nevada Equal Rights Commissioner by Governor Richard H. Bryan; and

WHEREAS, As Reverend Willie J. Wynn slipped away on July 3, 1985, his family and friends and the residents of the State of Nevada remembered a man whose success in life could be attributed to the fact that he surmounted stumbling blocks and made them into stepping stones and made every trial into a challenge; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That the members of the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature are reminded of the accomplishments and achievements of a man who made history in the State of Nevada and opened the door for all African Americans in this State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Reverend Wynn continues to be remembered as a man who touched many persons in all walks of life, a man who knew no color barriers and a man who was seldom without a smile or kind word; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Rochelle, Willie's wife of 28 years, his son, William John, and his daughters, Patricia, Robbye, Leisa, Karen, Wilhelmenia, Juanita and Sharon.

Senator Washington moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Washington and Mathews.

Senator Washington requested that the following remarks be entered in the Journal.

SENATOR WASHINGTON:

Thank you, Mr. President. It is my privilege to stand before you, today, to honor Reverend Willie J. Wynn. He was instrumental in many people's lives. He was especially instrumental in my life. We use a phrase often. It is found in *Psalms 37:23*. It says, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and he delighted in his way." This exemplifies Reverend Willie J. Wynn to the utmost.

Reverend Wynn was born August 6, 1937, in Panama City, Florida. He moved to Reno early in his life where he lived with Pastor Elder E. N. Webb and his wife. He also lived with Senator Bernice Mathews. They were often referred to as brother and sister.

He graduated from Reno High School with Luther Mack in 1957. Reverend Wynn was called to the ministry at an early age in his life where he was ordained by Pastor E. N. Webb. Reverend Wynn served with Pastor Webb at Holy Temple. Early in his adult life, Reverend Wynn married a young woman whom he met at a church revival. He announced to Luther Mack she would be his wife before he even spoke to her. Her name was Rochelle Crisp.

In November 1966, Reverend Wynn began his work in the ministry in Black Springs, Nevada. One year later, he to Reno to a church named Mt. Zion at 720 Montello Street.

Later in the same year, he and the congregation relocated to the present location. At that time, it was named Faith Deliverance Church of God in Christ. His son, Pastor John Wynn, is currently the pastor.

I was a member of the church along with many notable members including Bertha Mullins, Luther Mack, Senator Bernice Mathews and Claude Phillips.

Reverend Wynn received an honorary Doctorate of Divinity. He served as northern Nevada's Superintendent. He was the first Administrative Assistant to Bishop E. N. Webb for the State of Nevada. His community services included an appointment by Governor Paul Laxalt to his

Cabinet, his appointment to the Consumer Advisory Panel and an appointment by Governor Richard Bryan to the Nevada Equal Rights Commission. He was on the board for the Reno Housing Authority. He served on the board for the Community Services Agency, which is directed by Cloyed Phillips. He served on many other advisory boards.

Reverend Wynn's life touched many people in all walks of life. He knew no color barriers. He overcame obstacles and stumbling blocks and made them stepping stones. He looked at each trial as a challenge. As indicated in this resolution, he departed at an early age on July 3, 1985, at Saint Mary's Hospital.

I would like to read the following letter into the record from former Governor Paul Laxalt.  
March 27, 2007

SENATOR MAURICE WASHINGTON  
c/o Nevada State Senate  
401 S. Carson Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701

DEAR SENATOR WASHINGTON:

I am delighted to join with you and the other members of the Nevada State Senate in honoring the Reverend Willie J. Wynn. I commend you and all those responsible for this well-deserved tribute to a great public servant, family man and human being.

When I had the good fortune of being elected as Nevada's 22nd Governor in 1966, one of my first decisions was to make a personal commitment to appoint only top-caliber individuals to my Administration. The only factors I wanted to consider in making these important personnel decisions—particularly with respect to my Cabinet appointments—were the personal and professional qualifications of the individual candidates.

Those are precisely the factors I considered when I decided in 1968 to appoint Willie Wynn to the position of Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity. I had come to know Willie because of his well-known and admired work on behalf of his church and community in the Reno area. The more I got to know Willie, the more I was impressed. So when it came time to fill the director position in the Office of Economic Opportunity, I knew there was only one man for the job.

One has to remember that the late 1960s were a difficult period in terms of race relations. Having Willie in that position during that critical period was vitally important. It sent the unmistakable message that Nevada should be an equal opportunity state. Indeed, the citizens of Nevada should feel a deep sense of indebtedness to this fine man. African Americans, in particular, should look at Willie Wynn as a source of inspiration. I was honored—and still feel honored today—to know that such a decent, kind and gifted individual had selflessly consented to serve in our Cabinet and, in doing so, helped break down the barriers that existed at the time.

I would like to salute Rochelle and the rest of Reverend Wynn's fine family. They have every reason to be proud of his achievements as a public servant. But I'm sure, knowing Willie as I did, that they are even more proud of his accomplishments as a husband, father and grandfather.

Senator Washington, I again salute you for recognizing the historic contributions of the Reverend Willie J. Wynn to the State of Nevada. Thank you and very best regards.

Sincerely,  
PAUL LAXALT

SENATOR MATHEWS:

I stand in support of this resolution. I have known this family since I first arrived in Reno. I met Willie first, and got to know the family as they came along. I have grown to love them all. Willie Wynn, Robert Shelton, Luther Mack and I grew up together in the same house, if you can imagine. They all made money, and I am still here trying to struggle. We grew up on Vine Street. They often did many things, but our surrogate father would not let them have the car. They made me go in the house to get permission from "Big Daddy" to have the car. They would get in the car, then take off, and leave me on the road somewhere.

I am a Democrat as you all know, but they were all Republicans. I thought they were all nuts. I did not understand how they could be Republicans because in those days, black people did not become Republicans. I kept thinking they had lost their minds. Now, I think that is probably why they have money and I am still struggling. Thank you.

Resolution adopted unanimously.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 12.

Resolution read.

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 6.

Senator Nolan moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Human Resources and Education.

Motion carried.

#### SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Senate Bill No. 384.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 48.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

#### MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Raggio moved that Senate Bills Nos. 101, 119, 175, 227; Assembly Bill No. 32; Assembly Joint Resolution No. 10 of the 73rd Session be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Motion carried.

#### REMARKS FROM THE FLOOR

Senator Raggio requested that his remarks be entered in the Journal.

Today is Nevada Diabetes Alert Day. We have many people visiting, today, who are involved in the treatment and education of those with diabetes.

Diabetes is a universal, serious and costly disease. It poses a major health problem for many residents in our State. It has life-threatening complications for many including blindness, heart disease, kidney disease, nerve disease and strokes which have a high mortality rates. It is estimated that the State's population in the next 20 years will double, and as of 2005, over 7 percent of Nevada's citizens, almost 1 in 10, have been diagnosed with diabetes. The Nevada Diabetes Council was created in 1997 by the Nevada Division of Health through a grant received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That was for establishing a state-based diabetes program to formulate a cohesive plan to reduce the burdens of diabetes in our State.

Much of the current and future health and economic burden of diabetes can be averted through increased awareness and known preventative measures. The causes need to be understood. Through collaborative efforts, the Nevada Diabetes Council, with many dedicated members, has developed significant education programs and, completed many projects that include the production and, state-wide distribution of the *Nevada Diabetes Resource Directory*, also entitled *Guidelines for Children With Diabetes In School* and *Patient and Physician*

*Treatment Pocket Cards.* Many of you have probably seen these publications when you visit a doctor's office.

Over the years, the Nevada Diabetes Council has fostered community partnerships to create programs that target minority, at risk populations. One is called the Eye of the Eagle Project which addresses Native American youth. For all these reasons, we have chosen today to designate as Nevada Diabetes Alert Day. We would like to extend the appreciation of the Senate for the dedicated efforts of all of those who serve on these projects, serve with the Nevada Diabetes Council and publicly thank them for all of their efforts.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Mathews, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Zadie Wynn Turner Walker and Wilhelmenia Wynn-Fryer.

On request of Senator Nolan, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Tyler Duvall and Dick Gephardt.

On request of Senator Raggio, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Mylam Hawkins and members of the Nevada Diabetes Council: Chris Moore, Kim Neiman, Consuelo Rodriguez, Taylor Schultz, Mr. Schultz, Anna Sarah Breski, Khanh Pham, Linda Dunn, Irene Johnson, Rayleen Earney, Melissa Fry and Tina Cotter, also the following members of the Coffee Clatch: Charles Welsh, Jo Anxo, Jack Harker, Pete Fundis, Dick Trachok, Leroy Arrascada, Jim McDonald, Jim Thornton, Ron Mestre, Wally Rusk, Jim Elston, Fred Davis and Bob Baldwin.

On request of Senator Washington, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Rochelle Wynn, Pastor William John Wynn, Edith Wynn, William John Wynn Jr., Jeremiah Wynn, Alexander Wynn, Farrah Wynn, Josiah Wynn, Angelique Wynn, Charné Wynn, Patricia Tau, Pastor Live Tau, Tasha Tolliver, Lelani Cotla, Alicia Feazel, Stephanie Tau, Robbye Wynn-Nicholson, Tony Nicholson, Joshua Watson, Rickie Watson, Liesa Wynn-Johnson, Pastor Harold Johnson, Marcus Ross, Christopher Ross, Jabrian Ross, Cherylle Ross, Tyler Ross, Isiah Johnson, Chara Johnson, Karen Wynn-Allen, James Allen, Brian Cooper, Brandon Pugh, Isaac Pugh, Aaron Pugh, Gregory Morrison, Princess White, Sir Benjamin White, Donna Washington, Juanita Wynn, Raevonne Elliott, Paul Wynn, Sharon Wynn-Davison, Pastor Jerone Davison, Jashay Davison, Janay Davison, Jada Davison, Jereone Davison Jr., Jaya Davison, Claudia Fryer, Marvell Phillips, Cloyed Phillips, Mae Queen Wynn, Michael Wynn, Michael Wynn Jr., Jimmie Wynn, Marvice Wynn, Doris Maybry, Robbye Peirce, Raejonne Luke and Floyd Luke.

Senator Raggio moved that the Senate adjourn until Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at 11 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

Approved:

BRIAN K. KROLICKI  
*President of the Senate*

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT  
*Secretary of the Senate*