

THE NINETY-SECOND DAY

CARSON CITY (Monday), May 7, 2007

Senate called to order at 11:19 a.m.

President Krolicki presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Rajan Zed.

Rig-Veda, around 1500 BCE:

OM agrim ilepurohitam

Yajnasya devam rtvijam

Hotoram ratnadhataman (1.1.1)

This was first mantra of Hinduism, and its oldest sacred literature, the Rig-Veda, dated around 1,500 BCE, making it the oldest holy book still in common usage in the world. With it, I open my prayer with an invocation to the divine—wherever it may be and however we may conceive it. It translates as:

I magnify God, the Divine Fire,
the Priest, Minister of the sacrifice,
the Offerer of oblation, supreme Giver of treasure.

(Taittiriya Upanishad, around 400 BCE)

Om saha naavavatu

Saha nau bhunaktu

Saka Viiryan Kravaavehai

Tejasvi Naavadhitamastu

Maa Vidishhaaavahai

May we be protected together.

May we be nourished together.

May we work together with great vigor.

May our study be enlightening.

May no obstacle arise between us.

(Bhagavad-Gita, around 300 BCE)

Niyatam kuru karma tvam karma jyayo hyakarmanah

Sarirayatrapi ca te na prasiddhyedakarmanah (3:8)

Yajnarthatkarmano'nyatra loko'yam karmabandhanah

Tadrtham karma kaunteya muktasangah samacara (3:9)

Fulfill all your duties; action is better than inaction. Even to maintain your body, you are obliged to act. Selfish action imprisons the world. Act selflessly, without any thought of personal profit.

Tasmadasaktah satatam karyam karma samacara

Asakto hyacarankarma paramapnoti purusah (3:19)

Karmanaiva hi samsiddhimasthita janakadayah

Lokasangrahamevapi sampasyankartumarhasi (3:20)

Strive constantly to serve the welfare of the world; by devotion to selfless work, one attains the supreme goal of life. Do your work with the welfare of others always in mind.

Saktah karmanyavidvamso yatha kurvanti bharata

Kuryadvidvanstathasakascikirsurlokasangraham (3:25)

Na buddhibhedam janayedajnanam karmasanganam

Josayetsarvakarmani vidvanyuktah samacaran (3:26)

The ignorant work for their own profit; the wise work for the welfare of the world, without thought for themselves. Perform all work carefully, guided by compassion.

Samani va akutih

Samana hridayani vah

Samanam astu vo mano

Yatha vah susahasti (10:191.4)
 United your resolve, united your hearts,
 may your spirits be at one,
 that you may long together dwell
 in unity and concord!

OM

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.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Commerce and Labor, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 43, 215, 329, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

RANDOLPH J. TOWNSEND, *Chair*

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Finance, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 198, 504, 548, 556, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Finance, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 463, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

WILLIAM J. RAGGIO, *Chair*

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Human Resources and Education, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 283, 577, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

MAURICE E. WASHINGTON, *Chair*

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred Assembly Bills Nos. 15, 520, 536. has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

Also, your Committee on Judiciary, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 14, 90, 102, 299, Assembly Joint Resolution 3, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Amend, and do pass as amended.

MARK E. AMODEI, *Chair*

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 39, 118, 266, 278, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

DENNIS NOLAN, *Chair*

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, May 3, 2007

To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day passed Senate Bills Nos. 32, 57, 70, 77, 88, 567; Assembly Bills Nos. 131, 549.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted Senate Concurrent Resolutions Nos. 26, 27.

LUCINDA BENJAMIN
Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Senators Horsford, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Raggio, Rhoads, Schneider, Titus, Townsend, Washington, Wiener, Woodhouse; Assemblymen Allen, Anderson, Arberry, Atkinson, Beers, Bobzien, Buckley, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Cobb, Conklin, Denis, Gansert, Gerhardt, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Hardy, Hogan, Horne, Kihuen, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Mabey, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, Mortenson, Munford, Ocegueda, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settlemeyer, Smith, Stewart, Weber and Womack:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28—Memorializing prominent Filipino-American, public servant and community volunteer Peter Aduja.

WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature mourn the loss of Peter Aduja, prominent Filipino-American, public servant and community volunteer, who had many close ties with Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Peter Aduja lived the American dream, brought about by his own dedication and hard work, and became an example to others; and

WHEREAS, Born in the Philippines, Peter was 7 years of age when his family migrated to Hawaii, where he watched his father labor in the sugar fields for \$1 a day; and

WHEREAS, Peter never forgot the hardships and sacrifices his parents made, telling his children that his family "slept on plain wooden boards and cooked over an open flame"; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from the University of Hawaii, Peter volunteered for the United States Army in World War II, serving with the First Filipino Infantry Regiment; and

WHEREAS, Peter knew the key to a better life was education and, after serving in the Army, used the G.I. Bill to attain his law degree from the Boston University School of Law, allowing him to further pursue his dreams and aspirations; and

WHEREAS, Peter became a public servant in many capacities, as a teacher, politician, attorney and district court judge, and became the first person of Filipino ancestry to win a seat in the United States House of Representatives and in the Hawaii State House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, More than 30 community organizations were beneficiaries of Peter's energy and social concern, including the Boy Scouts of America, the Salvation Army and Big Brothers of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Peter is survived by his daughter Melodie Aduja, his son Jay Peter Aduja, and his two grandchildren William and Amber; and

WHEREAS, Daughter Melodie called her father her "mentor and backbone" and said that at age 86, he still did 5 miles a day on the stationary bike, swam laps in the pool and was very health conscious, living life to the fullest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature do hereby extend their heartfelt condolences to the family of Peter Aduja, a man of many achievements with a lifelong dedication to serving others; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Peter will remain a role model to many Americans through his many accomplishments, distinguished civic service and historical leadership; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Peter's daughter Melodie and his son Jay Peter.

Senator Horsford moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senator Horsford.

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

Thank you, Mr. President. It gives me great pleasure to introduce this resolution. Mr. Aduja accomplished much in his life. He was in Congress and was a member of the Hawaii Legislature. To many, Nevada is a second state to Hawaii. Many residents come here from Hawaii to retire. There is a connection based on our great quality of life. Mr. Aduja helped provide that quality of life to many people in the state of Hawaii. We are thankful for his service, not only his public service, but his service, to mankind through the many civic organizations that he was a part of.

As you read in the resolution, he was a great family man. There are many here to receive this resolution on his behalf. Thank you for your support.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Horsford moved that all necessary rules be suspended and that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 28 be immediately transmitted to the Assembly.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

By Senators Raggio, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Rhoads, Schneider, Titus, Townsend, Washington, Wiener, Woodhouse; Assemblymen Gansert, Allen, Anderson, Arberry, Atkinson, Beers, Bobzien, Buckley, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Cobb, Conklin, Denis, Gerhardt, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Hardy, Hogan, Horne, Kihuen, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Mabey, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, Mortenson, Munford, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Stewart, Weber and Womack:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 29—Recognizing Matthew Cummings as the 2006 Children's Miracle Network Miracle Child for Nevada.

WHEREAS, Each year a child is selected from each state in the United States and each province and territory in Canada to bring attention to the 17 million children treated by Children's Miracle Network hospitals for every disease and injury imaginable; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Cummings was chosen as the 2006 Children's Miracle Network Miracle Child for Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The Champions Across America program honors these remarkable children who have triumphed despite severe medical challenges, and the selected children act as ambassadors, meeting local and national leaders, and participating in the national television production of the "Children's Miracle Network Celebration" at Walt Disney World; and

WHEREAS, When Matthew first became ill at age 3, his family thought that he had the flu, but a few hours later, he was fighting for his life as doctors worked to contain a severe brain hemorrhage; and

WHEREAS, Matthew was diagnosed with arteriovenous malformation, an abnormal tangle of blood vessels in the left frontal lobe of his brain, which caused the hemorrhage, and after brain surgery by Dr. Michael Song at Renown Regional Medical Center, a Children's Miracle Network hospital, Matthew fought through every complication that followed and made a remarkable recovery; and

WHEREAS, When Matthew returned to school, he was greeted not only by a "welcome back" party, but his classmates were wearing bike helmets to make him feel right at home wearing his protective helmet; and

WHEREAS, Matthew, as talkative and adventurous as ever, is enjoying his life watching Power Rangers, racing around on his scooter and playing with his older brother Christopher; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada Legislature do hereby recognize Matthew Cummings as the 2006 Children's Miracle Network Miracle Child for Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Renown Regional Medical Center selected Matthew for this honor because of the courage, hope and tenacity that he demonstrated during his diagnosis and treatment; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in appreciation for all that has been done for millions of children over the years, the residents of Nevada are urged to show their support for the Children's Miracle Network and the nonprofit children's hospitals that depend on communities to help fund the vital services they offer to brave children everywhere; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Matthew Cummings.

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

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

Thank you, Mr. President and members of the Senate. Today, we have a miracle here in the Senate. We recognize many events and individuals, but today, we have with us a miraculous young man. We are, also, here to honor the Children's Miracle Network and Renown Regional Medical Center, which is one of the many hospitals that participate as members of the network.

Today, this resolution honors a young man who is six years old. He has been through an ordeal that we can only imagine. At the age of three, he was diagnosed with arteriovenous malformation. It is a very serious condition. This young man has had many surgeries and treatments since his diagnosis. Through the skill of Dr. Song and the staff of Renown Regional Medical Center, this young man is with us today and on the road to recovery. As the Children's Miracle Network miracle child, he just returned from Washington D.C. He had a grand tour of Washington D.C. and went to Disney World. We are so pleased to honor this young man. I cannot say enough about him and about the other children who have been selected each year for this recognition.

Resolution adopted.

Senator Raggio moved that all necessary rules be suspended and that Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 29 be immediately transmitted to the Assembly.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

By Senators Titus and Schneider:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 30—Directing the Legislative Commission to conduct an interim study relating to certain uses of fuel and other sources of energy in this State.

Senator Titus moved that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By the Committee on Finance:

Senate Bill No. 568—AN ACT making an appropriation to Nevadaworks for the Workforce Development Challenge Grant Program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Senator Raggio moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Motion carried.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senator Raggio moved that Assembly Bills Nos. 20, 77, 117, 250, 306, 307, 505, 542 be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

Motion carried.

GENERAL FILE AND THIRD READING

Senate Bill No. 55.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 55:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 55 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed, as amended.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 131.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 131:

YEAS—18.

NAYS—Beers, Cegavske, Heck—3.

Senate Bill No. 131 having received a two-thirds majority, Mr. President declared it passed, as amended.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 184.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senator Raggio.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 184:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 184 having received a constitutional majority, Mr. President declared it passed, as amended.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 247.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 247:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 247 having received a constitutional majority,
Mr. President declared it passed, as amended.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 365.

Bill read third time.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 365:

YEAS—21.

NAYS—None.

Senate Bill No. 365 having received a constitutional majority,
Mr. President declared it passed, as amended.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Senate Bill No. 453.

Bill read third time.

Remarks by Senators Raggio, Carlton and Titus.

Roll call on Senate Bill No. 453:

YEAS—20.

NAYS—Carlton.

Senate Bill No. 453 having received a constitutional majority,
Mr. President declared it passed, as amended.

Bill ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

MESSAGES FROM THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CHAMBER, Carson City, May 7, 2007

To the Honorable the Senate:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Assembly on this day adopted Assembly Concurrent Resolutions Nos. 25, 26, 27, 28.

LUCINDA BENJAMIN

Assistant Chief Clerk of the Assembly

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 25—Urging Nevadans to participate in activities concerning family preparedness in case of emergency.

WHEREAS, Every citizen in this country is part of a national emergency management system that is about protecting people and property from all types of hazards, yet citizens have a responsibility to protect themselves and their families by knowing what to do before, during and after an event; and

WHEREAS, When a disaster strikes, time is of the essence, and while local, state and federal governmental entities will be there to help, it is important that families are prepared to respond as well, whether to help themselves or others; and

WHEREAS, Not only should the residents of the State of Nevada be prepared to respond to natural disasters, such as earthquakes, flood, fires and extreme weather, they should be prepared in the case of acts of terrorism or technological hazards; and

WHEREAS, In a recent national survey conducted by the Ad Council, 91 percent of Americans agreed that taking some simple steps to prepare could help protect them and their families in the event of an emergency, but only 55 percent had taken at least one of the steps recommended to do so; and

WHEREAS, Such steps include knowing the hazards that affect your local area, developing appropriate family emergency plans and assembling a disaster supplies kit, and it is also recommended to learn the emergency plans of places you frequent, such as work and schools, and volunteer with local disaster response agencies; and

WHEREAS, It is also important to remember the more vulnerable during such emergencies, including children, the elderly, persons with disabilities and family pets; and

WHEREAS, There are numerous resources available to families to assist them in preparing for emergencies, including Nevada's Preparedness Plan, issued by the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security, as well as plans developed by the United States Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the American Red Cross; and

WHEREAS, It is important that all Nevadans take some time out of their busy lives to make use of these resources to ensure the safety of their families and pets and others in case of an emergency; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature urges the citizens of this State to take some time with their families to identify the hazards in their local area, to develop a family emergency plan and to create an emergency supplies kit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Nevada Commission on Homeland Security, the State Emergency Response Commission, and both the Southern Nevada and Northern Nevada Chapters of the American Red Cross.

Senator Nolan moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senator Nolan.

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

Thank you, Mr. President. I think it is fitting that we adopt this Assembly resolution. It was not so long ago that Americans were forced to deal with the threat of a potential nuclear threat, and it was common practice for families to prepare for this event by storing provisions and to build supplemental shelters to protect their families. While wide-scale nuclear events are not such a threat, there is a real concern about some type of other terrorist event that is looming. We have threats from a new enemy. Their intentions are even more insidious. They are aimed at taking as many American lives as possible. They want to interfere with our lifestyles. There have been plots of biological agents intended for our food and water supplies. They have planned radiological dirty bombs designed to contaminate our urban commerce centers and even our tourist centers. These are all plots that have been discovered that did not come to fruition.

It is not just acts of terrorism we should be concerned about and prepare for. The threat of global warming has caused extreme climate changes, and these changes are a threat. We watched this week as the Mid west unraveled with swarms of tornados. We are seeing flash floods in places where they have not occurred before. These situations could plague any of our Nevada communities. We have seen wildland fires throughout our State. Earthquakes are a constant threat to northern Nevada with its geothermal faults. The resolution speaks well of the need for families to prepare for these events. There are numerous federal, local and state agencies, along with the American Red Cross, the health, police and fire departments, which provide information to help families, as the Boy Scouts say, "be prepared."

Resolution adopted.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 26—Memorializing Pastor Nathaniel Whitney, Sr.

WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature note with sadness the passing of Pastor Nathaniel Whitney, Sr., at the age of 80 on February 24, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Nathaniel Whitney was born in Tallulah, Louisiana, on June 23, 1926, the 12th of 14 children born to Reverend Dave and Lula Whitney; and

WHEREAS, Nathaniel Whitney, at the age of 18, enlisted in the United States Army in 1944, serving in both the European and Pacific Theaters of World War II, and was honorably discharged after serving 30 months; and

WHEREAS, Nathaniel Whitney married Carolyn Larry in 1948 and the couple were blessed with six children, and in 1951, the family moved to Las Vegas, where Nathaniel worked in construction and then at the Nevada Test Site for 26 years; and

WHEREAS, Nathaniel was united with the Carver Baptist Church, serving in several offices, including Deacon, and was ordained in 1955 by the late Reverend James Proby; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Whitney was called in 1965 to pastor the Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church in Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Whitney passed away in 1978 after 30 years of marriage, and in 1985, Pastor Whitney married Loretta Graham, gaining seven additional children; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Whitney in 1986 led the Evergreen congregation to the new Greater Evergreen Missionary Baptist Church, where the congregation grew under his leadership, and from where he retired to a position as Pastor Emeritus; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Whitney was affiliated with the National Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, the Pride of the West District Association, the Minister's Alliance, the Pilgrim Christian Society and the local chapter of the NAACP; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Whitney was memorialized on the floor of the United States House of Representatives, following his passing, by the Honorable Jon C. Porter; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Whitney leaves a legacy as a humble servant of his God and a dedicated and faithful servant to his country, the Las Vegas community and the Baptist community; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends of Pastor Nathaniel Whitney, Sr.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature do hereby honor Pastor Nathaniel Whitney, Sr., for his lifetime of generous service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Loretta, the loving wife and partner of Pastor Nathaniel Whitney, Sr.

Senator Horsford moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senator Horsford.

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

Thank you, Mr. President. Any who met Pastor Whitney would consider him a friend. He was a kind and gentle person. He was smart and curious about the world in which he lived. He longed to leave this world a better place, and he accomplished this by not only tending to the spiritual needs of parishioners for nearly 40 years but also served as a role model for 13 children, 34 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He welcomed everyone into his congregation, including elected officials and political candidates. He believed in an open mind and an open door to bridge any differences that might divide his fellow man. We are all blessed to have Pastor Whitney share in our lives, and he will be sorely missed. Thank you.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 27—Congratulating the "High Rollers" Robotics Team of Cimarron-Memorial High School for winning the FIRST Robotics Competition Championship.

WHEREAS, The FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics Competition Championship was held at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta, Georgia, on April 12, 13 and 14 of this year; and

WHEREAS, FIRST is a nonprofit charitable organization that offers innovative programs that encourage students to pursue opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics; and

WHEREAS, More than 1,300 high school teams from the United States and six other nations, including Brazil, Canada, Israel, Mexico, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, competed in various regional competitions to earn an invitation to the FIRST Robotics Competition Championship; and

WHEREAS, Teams of students were required to build robots from kits consisting of hundreds of parts; and

WHEREAS, This year's game, called "Rack 'N' Roll" tested the students and the ability of their robots to hang inflated colored tubes on pegs configured in rows and columns on a 10-foot high center "rack" structure, to program a robotic vision system to navigate the robot and to lift other robots more than 4 feet off the floor; and

WHEREAS, The Cimarron-Memorial High School's robotics team, known as the "High Rollers," was part of a three-team alliance, including "Bobcat Robotics" of South Windsor High School from South Windsor, Connecticut, and "Gompei and the H.E.R.D." of the Massachusetts Academy of Math and Science from Worcester, Massachusetts, that was awarded first place in the FIRST Robotics Competition Championship; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada Legislature hereby congratulate the "High Rollers" Robotics Team of Cimarron-Memorial High School for winning the FIRST Robotics Competition Championship; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Karen Stanley, Principal of Cimarron-Memorial High School, the Clark County School District Board of School Trustees and to each member of the "High Rollers" Robotics Team of Cimarron-Memorial High School.

Senator Wiener moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senator Wiener.

Senator Wiener requested that her remarks be entered in the Journal.

Bringing communities together to elevate youths has always been a passion of mine. Through the years, I have written books for youths about making positive friendship choices. I have taught programs to help kids disengage from youth gangs. I have visited all of my schools, every year, to impress young people with the importance of civic engagement. I have encouraged young people and their families to make healthy life choices, including the commitment to regular and vigorous physical activity and sound nutritional habits. With that said, I know the importance of recognizing and celebrating the achievements and successes of students in our State.

This is why I am particularly proud to reinforce the floor remarks Senator Titus shared with us several weeks ago with my own statement in support of Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 27. I stand before you to praise the achievement of the Cimarron-Memorial High School "High Rollers" Robotics Team. These innovative youths earned 2007 championship honors at the FIRST Robotics Competition. FIRST, I might add, is the acronym for "For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology."

The FIRST Robotics Competition is a varsity event that challenges students and their mentors to solve a common problem in a six-week time frame. They use a standard "tool kit" of parts and a common set of rules. Each team then builds a robot from that kit, which contains hundreds of different and unrelated parts, including lights, tubing, cameras, vacuums, microchips and modems.

This year's competition—called "Rack 'N' Roll"—tested the students' abilities to build robots that could hang inflated colored tubes on a ten-foot-high rack structure. The robots were also

required to have a vision system and the ability to lift other robots more than four feet off the ground.

This accomplishment, which culminated in the championship event held in April in Atlanta, Georgia, is a great source of pride for me because many of the students at Cimarron-Memorial High School live in my Senate district. To put in perspective just how significant this is, this team of exceptional students was selected from more than 1,300 high school teams representing nearly 33,000 high school students from the United States and six other nations.

Teams earned their invitations to the championship by excelling in competitive play, sportsmanship and the development of partnerships among schools, businesses and communities.

This is an honorable accomplishment, and I commend the High Rollers team for each participant's acts of sportsmanship, innovation, dedication and motivation.

By supporting Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 27, we are recognizing the Cimarron-Memorial High Rollers team for this outstanding achievement. We are also helping set an example for students throughout Nevada by honoring the value and importance of adopting and working towards an important goal. In addition, we are encouraging teachers and other individuals throughout our communities to help youths develop and attain important achievements that can have life-long impacts. Thank you.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 28—Congratulating the Center for Basque Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno, on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

WHEREAS, In 1967, the Center for Basque Studies, which at that time was called the Basque Studies Program, was established within the Desert Research Institute to investigate the role long played by Basque sheepherders as the key human factor in the ecology of the Great Basin and to encourage American scholarship concerning one of Europe's most fascinating peoples and their contribution to the ethnic heritage of the American West; and

WHEREAS, In 1972, the Basque Studies Program became part of the University of Nevada, Reno, where it was renamed the Center for Basque Studies in 2000 to more clearly reflect its research mission; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Basque Studies is a research center whose primary mission is to further Basque-related study by conducting, facilitating and publishing original Basque-related research in the humanities and social sciences, and whose success in this mission is evidenced by scholars affiliated with the Center having published works in migration and diaspora studies, anthropology, history, women's studies, cultural studies, literature, bibliography and lexicography; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Basque Studies, recognizing from the beginning that a world-class library is essential to its research mission, has continued to expand its collections from the initial 750 items obtained by the late Robert Laxalt from the personal library of a noted European scholar until the Basque Studies Library now includes over 50,000 volumes of published material as well as thousands of unpublished items, including diaries, letters, oral histories, photographs, musical recordings, Basque-language films, and even examples of tree trunks that carry the distinctive carvings of Basque sheepherders, all of which make the Basque Studies Library one of the best collections of Basque-related material in the world; and

WHEREAS, The Center for Basque Studies includes instruction as part of its mission and offers courses that allow undergraduates to minor in Basque studies and more mature scholars to earn the degree of doctor of philosophy at the University of Nevada, Reno, and in collaboration with other universities, conducts a program that enables students to study and live in the Basque Country of Europe; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada Legislature congratulate the Center for

Basque Studies on the occasion of its 40th anniversary and also extend to the Center their wish that there be many more anniversaries to come; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Gloria P. Totoricagüena, the Director of the Center for Basque Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Senator Raggio moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Raggio and Titus.

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

SENATOR RAGGIO:

Thank you, Mr. President. Our State has had an interesting history of development. Many groups have settled in our State over the years before, and since, statehood in 1864. Among those groups who have contributed greatly to the success, development and the culture of this State are the Basques.

The Basques immigrated here to work in this State herding sheep. Over the years, many distinguished Nevadans including our former Governor and U.S. Senator, Paul Laxalt, are of Basque heritage. His father came here as a shepherd. The family has distinguished itself in professional fields, and I want them to be recognized in connection with the recognition of the Center for Basque Studies on its 40th anniversary. Paul's brother, Robert Laxalt, was passionate about the study of Basque culture. He sought to preserve their heritage here. He did much for the Center for Basque Studies. His collection of books was one of the early contributions to the Center. The Center's collection is recognized internationally as one of the more prominent collections of Basque history and programs. Today, we join in recognizing the important part the Center has played, originally in the Desert Research Institute, and now it is a significant national studies program and library.

We congratulate them on their 40-year anniversary and to all who participate in this wonderful project. We thank the many individuals who have contributed over the years to the history of our State.

SENATOR TITUS:

I am pleased to stand in support of this resolution to wish the Basque Studies' Center a happy 40th birthday. "Zorionak" or quite literally, "Congratulations."

My husband, Tom Wright, and I have spent several wonderful semesters in the Basque Country. We both taught in the USAC program in San Sebastian and were there when Reno celebrated the occasion of becoming a sister city. Also, while there, I have taken students, many of Basque heritage, to visit the Basque Country Parliament in Vitoria-Gasteiz where they met political leaders and listened to spirited debate in Basque and Spanish. We also took students to visit the fabulous Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao and to the Eduardo Chillida home nearby.

The Basque country is beautiful. The fabulous food is world renown. Picon Punch and Cuarenta Y Tres will get you coming and going. The history and politics are fascinating.

Nevada is greatly indebted to Professor William Douglass, who launched our Basque Studies program, and Carmelo Ursa, who has done so much to make it successful. We are indeed fortunate to be the home of this wonderful institute that has furthered Basque language, culture and genealogical studies for Basque descendants in this State and throughout the world.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

Assembly Bill No. 131.

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

Motion carried.

Assembly Bill No. 549.

Senator Nolan moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Assembly Bill No. 261.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the President and Secretary signed Assembly Bills Nos. 24, 34, 37, 38, 106, 179; Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 23.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Amodei, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to the following students from the Bordewich-Bray Elementary School: Nickolas Borst, Jessica Chandler, Kacie Dickinson, Keirra Hammond, Makenzi Jesse, Nickolas Landry, Courtney Lynch, Kevin Menjivar Ruiz, James Ortiz, Graciela Osorio Soto, Anthony Pagan, Kayle Phillips, Sierra Pishnak, Edward Porter, Hannah Pozun, Amanda Rogers, Matthew Romero, Steven Russell, Jenae Steele, Aaron Wood, Abby Wood, Haydee Lira, Joshua Castillo Sandoval, Jacob Hackle, Alejandro Pacheco, Isaac Rodriguez-Iglesias, Alexis Neuenswander, Annette Hodorowicz, Catherine Adams, Lisa Andrade, Rene Steele and Ramone Russell.

On request of Senator Heck, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Jon "Bowzer" Bauman.

On request of Senator Horsford, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to William Aduja, Amber Aduja, Don Morgan, Daryl Morgan, Roberta Gold, Randy McCormick, Albert Gold, Lisa McCormick, Shaina McCormick, Esther Broadbeck, Johnny Ramirez, Michael Jones, Anthony Jones and Sonny Turner of the Platters.

On request of Senator McGinness, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Lieutenant Jerry Seevers.

On request of Senator Nolan, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Wade Iverson, Nick Vander Poel, Frank Siracusa, Bill Welch, Jim Wright, Lieutenant Tom Roberts, Lieutenant Tim Kuzanek, Captain Jerome Guerrero, Paula Martel, Cherrill Cristman and Chrystal Mane.

On request of Senator Raggio, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Matthew Cummings, Christopher Cummings, Tami Cummings, Joe Cummings, Sandy Cummings, Don

Cummings, Sherri Albers, Joel Muller, Kiemmy Boc, Dr. Gloria Totoricaguena, William Douglas and John Ascuaga.

On request of Senator Titus, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Carmelo Urza.

On request of Senator Townsend, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to the following students and chaperones from the Mountain View Montessori school: Andrea Jimenez, Tanner Stevens, Ben Lerude, Maria Toca, Serena Libert, Sabrina Cabezas, Philip Nowak, Dominic Anders, Claire Jackson, Ben Farrar; chaperones: Jackie Silveira-Sater and Juan Cabezas.

On request of Senator Wiener, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Eric Stensrud.

On request of President Krolicki, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Gary T. Cage and Caleb S. Cage.

Senator Raggio moved that the Senate adjourn until Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 11 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Approved:

BRIAN K. KROLICKI
President of the Senate

Attest: CLAIRE J. CLIFT
Secretary of the Senate