

THE THIRTY-SECOND DAY

CARSON CITY (Thursday), March 5, 2009

Assembly called to order at 11 a.m.

Madam Speaker presiding.

Roll called.

All present.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Bruce Kochsmeier.

Faithful Lord, thank You for the invitation to this life. Thank You for being our rock and salvation in every day. We praise You for Your unwavering care in all that we face. As this Assembly undertakes the work You have set before them, we pray that You would set the tone and tempo. Show each person here how to serve in the ways You give them. Give each servant ears to hear and words to speak. Give them minds that understand the issues. Fill them with imagination that leads beyond deadlocks. Use their creativity to lead the people of this state through these difficult days. Open them to being of one mind for Your purpose. Grant them energy and focus. Take away distractions and let Your peace reign in this Chamber and in all our lives as You lead us this and every day. We pray with confidence in the promises You have made to us to be our God as we seek You today and tomorrow and forever.

AMEN.

Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

Madam Speaker announced if there were no objections the Assembly would recess for the purpose of hearing a musical presentation of the *National Anthem* by the Carson High School Choir, under the direction of Susan Sonnemaker.

Assembly in recess at 11:17 a.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 11:20 a.m.

Madam Speaker presiding.

Quorum present.

Assemblyman Conklin moved that further reading of the Journal be dispensed with, and the Speaker and Chief Clerk be authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

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February 25, 2009

THE HONORABLE BARBARA BUCKLEY, *Speaker of the Nevada Assembly*, 401 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada 89701

DEAR SPEAKER BUCKLEY:

I respectfully request the opportunity to address the distinguished members of the Nevada Legislature on Wednesday, April 15, 2009. I look forward to sharing with you and your colleagues information regarding the important issues the United States Congress will be addressing in the upcoming months and how it will affect the state of Nevada.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,
DINA TITUS
Member of Congress

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Madam Speaker:

Your Committee on Government Affairs, to which were referred Assembly Bills Nos. 39, 60, 174, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass.

MARILYN K. KIRKPATRICK, *Chair*

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, March 4, 2009

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day passed Assembly Bill No. 103; Senate Bills Nos. 9, 27, 160.

Also, I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day adopted Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 12.

SHERRY L. RODRIGUEZ
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Assemblymen Arberry, Aizley, Anderson, Atkinson, Bobzien, Buckley, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Cobb, Conklin, Denis, Dondero Loop, Gansert, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Gustavson, Hambrick, Hardy, Hogan, Horne, Kihuen, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Manendo, Mastroluca, McArthur, McClain, Mortenson, Munford, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Spiegel, Stewart, and Woodbury; Senators Horsford, Amodei, Breeden, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Copening, Hardy, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Parks, Raggio, Rhoads, Schneider, Townsend, Washington, Wiener, and Woodhouse:

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 13—Memorializing Doris Adair McDonald.

WHEREAS, The residents of the State of Nevada were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Doris Adair McDonald, an exemplary citizen, loving wife, dedicated family woman and “Mom” to many, on October 14, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Doris was born in Butte, Montana, on August 16, 1926, to Maurice and Irene Lynch; and

WHEREAS, Her lifelong friendship with her beloved husband John began when they met at a dance in 1944, and continued as they were married on January 11, 1952, and eventually left Montana to make Las Vegas their home in August of 1960; and

WHEREAS, Doris was a devoted homemaker who loved spending time in her beautiful rose garden, which was her pride and joy, and taking care of her animals; and

WHEREAS, The McDonalds’ home was where all of the neighborhood kids could feel safe and welcome, and Doris greatly enjoyed being “Mom” to all who came to visit; and

WHEREAS, Hospitable with her compassionate heart as well as her home, Doris touched the lives of many people in Las Vegas, from elected officials to those who grew up in her neighborhood, who still call her “Mom” to this day; and

WHEREAS, Sharing the traditions of the holiday season of Christmas and New Year’s Eve, her favorite time of the year, and watching Notre Dame football with those she loved brought this exceptional woman great happiness; and

WHEREAS, Doris was a thoughtful and kind neighbor, loving wife and dedicated mother to her children as well as to those in her community; and

WHEREAS, Doris is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, John J. McDonald, daughters Jacquelyn Lavin and Kerry Lee McDonald, son Michael J. McDonald, grandson TJ Lavin, granddaughter Brooke Newton and grandson-in-law David, and great-granddaughter Justice Newton; and

WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her sons-in-law Terry Pinter and Tommy Lavin; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature extend their sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Doris Adair McDonald; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this caring neighbor will be remembered fondly by all who had the good fortune of knowing her for her warmth, hospitality and devotion to her family, which extended beyond bloodlines far into her community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Doris’ husband, John J. McDonald, and her children, Jacquelyn, Kerry Lee and Michael.

Assemblyman Arberry moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Assemblyman Arberry.

Assemblyman Ocegüera requested that the following remarks be entered in the Journal.

ASSEMBLYMAN ARBERRY:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I have some prepared remarks because this is a very moving issue for me. Councilman McDonald—I still give him that respect as councilman because he was my councilman when we first met, and we have been friends ever since. I wanted these remarks to be prepared so I wouldn’t lose sight of what I really want to say to him, his family, and to this body.

The resolution certainly does a wonderful job of capturing some of the life of Doris Adair McDonald, who passed away last October. She was a special kind of person and mother who not only nurtured and loved her own children, but also their friends and all the kids in the neighborhood. Doris and her husband, John, lived in their home on Carmen Boulevard in Las Vegas for many years. I am very familiar with that neighborhood because I grew up not far from there.

I go way back with the councilman and his family, including our common ties to Western High School and my friendship with their son, Michael. When we first met, that was the first thing we bonded with because when you are a Western Warrior, you are always a Western Warrior.

“Mom” McDonald, as she was called by so many, touched so many lives in such a positive way for the nearly 50 years she lived in Las Vegas. It is my great honor and privilege to have known “Mom,” and it is an honor to have her family here with us today. I would like to extend my most sincere condolences to her family and friends on their loss. But most of all, we are all here to celebrate and rejoice in the life of a woman who exemplified all the best qualities of a mother and a friend.

Musician Stevie Wonder once wrote a few lines about his own mother. He wrote, “Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love, and fearlessness. If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother was a sweet flower of love.” Doris “Mom” McDonald was just that kind of mother. She was a true blessing in our lives and the lives of so many, and she will be missed.

Resolution adopted.

Assemblyman Arberry moved that all rules be suspended and that Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 13 be immediately transmitted to the Senate.

Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION, FIRST READING AND REFERENCE

By the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining:

Assembly Bill No. 241—AN ACT relating to wildlife; requiring a certain percentage of the money expended annually from the Wildlife Heritage Trust Account to be used solely for projects to control predators of mule deer in this State; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Claborn moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.

Motion carried.

By the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining:

Assembly Bill No. 242—AN ACT relating to diseased animals; providing that a report of trichomonosis in cattle submitted to the State Quarantine Officer is not confidential under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Claborn moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Mastroluca, Parnell, Denis, Smith, Anderson, Atkinson, Bobzien, Dondero Loop, Hardy, Kirkpatrick, Stewart, and Woodbury; Senators Woodhouse and Copenig:

Assembly Bill No. 243—AN ACT relating to education; requiring certain employers to grant leave to a parent, guardian or custodian of a child enrolled in public school or private school to participate in certain school conferences and activities; prohibiting employers from taking certain retaliatory actions against an employee who takes the authorized leave; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblywoman Mastroluca moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Education.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Hambrick, Gustavson, and Stewart:

Assembly Bill No. 244—AN ACT relating to firearms; providing for the public auctioning of certain confiscated and forfeited firearms under certain circumstances; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Hambrick moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Stewart, Hardy, Gansert, Carpenter, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Gustavson, McArthur, Munford, Settelmeyer, and Woodbury:

Assembly Bill No. 245—AN ACT relating to elections; requiring photographic identification for voting; requiring county clerks to issue voter identification cards under certain circumstances; requiring persons who apply for absent ballots to provide certain information to county and city clerks; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Stewart moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Bobzien, Smith, Ohrenschall, Aizley, Carpenter, Grady, Kirkpatrick, Munford, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, and Spiegel; Senators Parks, Hardy, and Lee:

Assembly Bill No. 246—AN ACT relating to wildlife; providing for the issuance of an apprentice hunting license; prohibiting an apprentice hunter from hunting in this State unless he is accompanied and directly supervised by a mentor hunter; providing an exception from requirements concerning the completion of a course in the responsibilities of hunters; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Bobzien moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Mining.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Bobzien, Leslie, Hardy, Denis, Aizley, Kihuen, Mastroluca, Ohrenschall, Pierce, Segerblom, and Smith; Senators Copening, Parks, Hardy, and Lee:

Assembly Bill No. 247—AN ACT relating to bicycles; revising provisions governing the operation of bicycles; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Bobzien moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Segerblom, Buckley, Ocegüera, Horne, Conklin, Anderson, Kirkpatrick, and Mortenson:

Assembly Bill No. 248—AN ACT relating to holding companies; revising provisions relating to the approval of certain mergers or acquisitions of control; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Segerblom moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Labor.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Hardy, Horne, Conklin, Dondero Loop, Gansert, Hambrick, Hogan, Koivisto, Manendo, Spiegel, and Stewart; Senators Hardy, Cegavske, Copening, and Woodhouse:

Assembly Bill No. 249—AN ACT relating to public health; authorizing a district health officer or his designee in certain counties who orders the extermination or abatement of mosquitoes, flies, other insects, rats or their breeding places to take certain actions to abate the nuisance; authorizing such a district health officer to order an owner of real property to abate and prevent the recurrence of such a nuisance; providing that all money expended by the health district in abating and preventing the recurrence of such a nuisance constitutes a lien upon the property; authorizing the health district to bring an action to foreclose the lien; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Hardy moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Motion carried.

By Assemblyman Manendo (by request):

Assembly Bill No. 250—AN ACT relating to evidence; revising certain provisions governing the admissibility of certain affidavits or declarations; authorizing personal service of a request to have such affidavits or declarations admitted into evidence at certain trials; defining certain terms; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Manendo moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Manendo, Anderson, Carpenter, Dondero Loop, Horne, Kihuen, Mortenson, Munford, Ohrenschall, Segerblom, and Spiegel:

Assembly Bill No. 251—AN ACT relating to common-interest communities; revising the procedures for voting for a member of the executive board of an association under certain circumstances; requiring that the regulations governing the issuance of certificates for community managers must contain certain provisions relating to persons who formerly engaged in community management; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Manendo moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Anderson, Horne, Smith, Hardy, Aizley, Buckley, Carpenter, Conklin, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Hambrick, Kirkpatrick, McArthur, and Segerblom:

Assembly Bill No. 252—AN ACT relating to convicted persons; providing for the waiver of fees for the issuance of certain forms of identifying

information for certain persons released from prison; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Anderson moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Corrections, Parole, and Probation.

Motion carried.

By Assemblymen Cobb, Hambrick, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Gansert, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Gustavson, Hardy, Hogan, Manendo, McArthur, Mortenson, Ohrenschall, Parnell, Settlemeyer, Stewart, and Woodbury:

Assembly Bill No. 253—AN ACT relating to crimes; making it a crime to remove the firearm or other weapon of a public officer while resisting, delaying or obstructing the public officer in the discharge of his duties; increasing the penalty for using a firearm in the course of such resistance, delay or obstruction; providing a penalty; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Assemblyman Cobb moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 9.

Assemblyman Ocegüera moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 27.

Assemblyman Ocegüera moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Motion carried.

Senate Bill No. 160.

Assemblyman Ocegüera moved that the bill be referred to the Committee on Elections, Procedures, Ethics, and Constitutional Amendments.

Motion carried.

SECOND READING AND AMENDMENT

Assembly Bill No. 29.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 154.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assembly Bill No. 169.

Bill read second time and ordered to third reading.

Assemblyman Ocegüera moved that the Assembly recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Motion carried.

Assembly in recess at 11:50 a.m.

ASSEMBLY IN SESSION

At 12:01 p.m.

Madam Speaker presiding.

Quorum present.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Assemblyman Ocegüera moved that Assembly Bills No. 69, 73, and 136 be taken from the General File and placed on the General File for the next legislative day.

Motion carried.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

SENATE CHAMBER, Carson City, March 5, 2009

To the Honorable the Assembly:

I have the honor to inform your honorable body that the Senate on this day adopted Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14.

SHERRY L. RODRIGUEZ
Assistant Secretary of the Senate

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14.

Assemblyman Kihuen moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Assemblymen Kihuen, McClain, Carpenter, Christensen, Mortenson, Atkinson, Ohrenschall, and Madam Speaker.

Assemblyman Ocegüera requested that the following remarks be entered in the Journal.

ASSEMBLYMAN KIHUEN:

The resolution certainly does a wonderful job of capturing some of the highlights of the personal and professional life of Thalia Dondero, who, as most of us know, is one of the most popular and distinguished public servants in the history of Nevada—not to mention that she is the mother of one of our esteemed colleagues who represents Assembly District 5 in the south. You all can see the apple does not fall too far from the tree. There is so much more, however. Let me just share a few things with you here today.

As a mother of five, Thalia was active for many years in organizations that focused on the well-being of children. As the resolution notes, she was twice elected as Homemaker of the Year for Nevada by *McCall's Magazine*. She was a leader in both the PTA and Scouting.

There are certain events in each of our lives that forever change the direction where we are headed. For Thalia, one such event occurred in 1972 when she ran for elective office for the first time. She did not win the race. If she had won, Thalia would have been a member of our body, here in the Nevada State Assembly. For all we know, she would still have been a member of the Legislature today. Rather than accept defeat and walk away from ever holding elective office, Thalia gave it another try in 1974 when she ran for the Clark County Commission. She was victorious that year. Over the following 20 years as a county commissioner, she demonstrated her remarkable abilities, leadership, vision, and strong sense of commitment to serving others. Just two years after Thalia left the county commission, she started another chapter in her remarkable life. In 1996 she ran unopposed for a seat on the University Board of Regents. She worked tirelessly over the following 12 years to promote higher education in Nevada. If it were

not for the Nevada Supreme Court ruling on term limits last summer, Thalia would still be a member and an enlightening voice on the Board of Regents.

When I think of Thalia, so many words come to mind—advocate, public servant, leader, conservationist, icon, and friend. Thalia, what a blessing you have been to so many Nevadans. We are going to miss you. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN MCCLAIN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I first met Thalia Dondero when I was a brand new employee in the 1990s in the Clark County Manager's Office. I have to tell you, the word was she was "District G" because it stood for "Grand Lady." One of the occasions that I remember was that we had the national NACO conference that year and there were lots of events and I got to accompany Thalia to a concert, which was one of the events at night. I sat in the front row with Thalia at a Wayne Newton concert and he was clearly flirting with her.

ASSEMBLYMAN CARPENTER:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I stand in support of SCR 14. I first met Thalia when I was a county commissioner for Elko. It always amazed me how well prepared she was. She was not only a county commissioner from Clark County, but she really supported all of Nevada, and I always did really appreciate her service. I want to congratulate you on your success, and may you go on to do bigger and better things. Thank you.

ASSEMBLYMAN CHRISTENSEN:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. As a boy, I grew up right in the neighborhood of Dondero Elementary School. While I did not have the opportunity to meet Mrs. Dondero until I became a legislator, we were able to spend some time together on the day of Governor Guinn's second inauguration, where I really got to know her. I just wanted to stand to share a thought. I know that for my own campaigns—as a father, I've got kids and a wife—each campaign I go through, there is a lot of work that goes into it. I have only been doing it a couple of times, and it just always seems like a lot. To hear of your history and the mark—truly the mark with a capital M—that you have made on this state, I just wanted to rise and say that I am in staunch support of this resolution. I just wanted to say it is truly an honor to be in the presence of such a great Nevadan. Thank you.

ASSEMBLYMAN MORTENSON:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I first met Thalia when she was a commissioner. I was often fighting for various zoning things and I thought Thalia was always one of the fairest commissioners. I did not know her very well at that time, but in the last couple of years I have gotten to know Thalia very well because we are involved in a bunch of things together with my wife. I have to tell you this lady is the most un-fatiguing, most energetic lady you can imagine. If she sees an injustice somewhere, she is going to dive in and she is going to work to try and fix it. She is a wonderful lady, and I thoroughly support this resolution.

ASSEMBLYMAN ATKINSON:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of SCR 14. I met Mrs. Dondero years and years ago, like my colleague from District 15, when she was a county commissioner. I remember that I used to run around the building kind of lost. I used to go by her office every once in a while and just talk to her. I would sit down and talk to her. I think we all get inspirations to do what we do or run for office or do some of the things we do for other people without them even knowing it. And I remember trying to figure out the difference between a politician and a public servant. When I look at Mrs. Dondero, I definitely understand what being a public servant really, really means.

I don't know if she will remember this, but I remember the day she lost her county commission seat, and I just had to go up to her office. Someone said, "Well, maybe she is not going to be here today." I said, "No. I am sure she will be here." I went up to see her, and she was visibly upset. I do not think she was upset because she lost, I think she was upset because she felt she was not going to be able to serve people. That really meant a lot to me. It kind of inspired me. I just wanted to let her know that and to thank her for the inspiration. We really

enjoy you. Someone said earlier they were going to miss you, but I do not think you are going anywhere. We will see you around.

ASSEMBLYMAN OHRENSCHALL:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. It is an honor to rise here and to speak to this resolution for Thalia. You have taught a lot to us as you have run for office. I know growing up in the Democratic Party, there is always a saying that if there are three people together on a sidewalk, Thalia would be there talking to them. You taught us, really, how to run fierce campaigns and how to work hard. I was talking to my mother today and chatting with her about what are the important things to say and what you mean to our family. She mentioned what good friends you and your late husband Harvey were and how much he meant to us. She mentioned a television commercial she saw back in 1972 when you and Gene Ford were both running for the Assembly, inviting people to come and hear you both talk. I think that is something else you have done. You really trailblazed the path for women in politics because those were the years that we fought for the Equal Rights Amendment and came so close in the 1970s. I just appreciate your service. It is an honor to get to speak to this resolution today, Thalia.

Madam Speaker requested the privilege of the Chair for the purpose of making the following remarks:

I want to also add my remarks in support of the resolution. You have meant so much to so many people, whether it is at the county commission level, the university level, or the state level. My colleague from Assembly District 12 spoke about trailblazing. I want to say—on behalf of women—we thank you for paving that way. I would not be the first woman Speaker in the State of Nevada but for the pioneering women who blazed that trail for all of us. We appreciate all you have done for women, all you have done for Nevadans, and all you will continue to do. I can attest to the fact that I do not believe you will be stopping your advocacy any time soon. Just last week I had the privilege of watching you and Senator Raggio share a few words about UNLV. As I watched that exchange, I thought, “Well, that is the secret to her success.” No one cows you, because you know that you are right. That is what you fight for. We are so privileged to have you. I do not think that your advocacy will stop any time soon.

ASSEMBLYWOMAN DONDERO LOOP:

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I rise in support of SCR 14. First of all, with all due respect to my colleague from District 7, it is a great day for Wildcats today, and there are a lot of them in the building. I decided to share a little story with you. I know my family behind me knows what a great mom we have and that we are all so fortunate. I thought it might be just kind of nice to quickly recap, and I appreciate your indulgence with the family today. I direct your attention to a book called *A Hero Named Thalia*.

Born in Greeley, Colorado,
Then on to Bakersfield.
Her early years were really tough,
But Thalia wouldn't yield.

Elementary years were meager,
Bills were oft' overdue.
'Til one bright day a spark of hope,
Her teacher bought her shoes.

She remembers the Great Depression,
The dinner table bare.
Along the way they all picked fruit,
Love was the feast they shared.

Her next home was Las Vegas
Where one man changed her life.
His name — Harvey Dondero,
Soon she became his wife.

While Harvey was a teacher,
Thalia often volunteered.
“Someone has to do it!”
Was the motto that she cheered.

Early years with Frontier Council,
Green uniforms worn with pride.
Camps forever at Calico Basin,
Thalia did it all in stride.

She volunteered with Boy Scouts,
Girl Scouts and the PTA.
Junior League, high school booster clubs,
Stay out of Thalia’s way.

A life dedicated to giving,
And rearing a family of five.
She mothered, tutored and counseled,
While home and community thrived.

With all her work outside the home
‘Twas her family she held most dear.
Back in nineteen fifty eight,
They were voted “Family of the Year!”

Her kids grew and became successful,
She’d always done her best.
“It’s time for something bigger,” she thought,
“Politics — A brand new test!”

After executive director of Girl Scouts,
She wanted to do more.
Why not first female commissioner?
She did it — in seventy-four.

A county commissioner for 20 years,
Thalia could not stop giving.
Helping Las Vegas become a better place,
For education and family living.

Thalia stands for many things —
Courage, wisdom and allegiance.
In 1996 she was elected to the
Nevada Board of Regents.

A friend of the outdoors,
With a lifelong love of art.
A gourmet cook, her friends will say,
“The lady with the great big heart!”

Without means to go to college,
She taught thousands about living.
While earning her “PhD”
In the art of insatiable giving.

A mentor, a leader, a hero,
A woman beyond compare.
Las Vegas is a better place,
Thalia Dondero resided there.

I just want to tell you that we have a mother who really came from very, very meager means. She made our clothes. She cut our hair and she took care of and fed everyone in the neighborhood. She showed us what the art of giving and returning back to the community really was. I thank you for that, Mom. I thank you for being a great mother and a great role model. Thank you.

Resolution adopted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the Speaker and Chief Clerk signed Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 12.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF ASSEMBLY FLOOR

On request of Assemblyman Anderson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to David Branson.

On request of Assemblyman Arberry, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Michael McDonald, John McDonald, and Camille Duskin.

On request of Assemblyman Atkinson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Linda Ponn.

On request of Assemblyman Bobzien, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Beth McMillan.

On request of Assemblyman Carpenter, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Monica Kales.

On request of Assemblyman Christensen, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Trish Williamson.

On request of Assemblyman Claborn, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Barbara Fenne.

On request of Assemblyman Cobb, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Claire Kelley, Sarah Kelley, Stacy K. Endres, Brandon Arner, and B.J. Juneau.

On request of Assemblyman Conklin, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Myrna Alforque Filipiniana and Vilma Gorre.

On request of Assemblyman Denis, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Jill Berryman.

On request of Assemblywoman Dondero Loop, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Thalia Dondero, Mike Dondero, Jason Dondero, Judy Habbeshaw, Rob Dondero, Candy Schneider,

Dan Klaich, Molly Dondero, Linda Bellegray, Howard Rosenberg, Ron Parraguirre, Chris Dondero, Jim Rogers, and Jackie Leonord.

On request of Assemblywoman Gansert, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Carol Johnson.

On request of Assemblyman Goedhart, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Debbie Arrighi.

On request of Assemblyman Goicoechea, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Roy Enochson.

On request of Assemblyman Grady, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Willis Allen.

On request of Assemblyman Gustavson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Kendall Hardin.

On request of Assemblyman Hambrick, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Gerald Duskin.

On request of Assemblyman Hardy, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to David Johnson and Lynne Sunderman.

On request of Assemblywoman Kirkpatrick, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Donna Brown.

On request of Assemblywoman Koivisto, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Annalise McKenzie.

On request of Assemblywoman Leslie, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Marvin Gillis.

On request of Assemblyman Manendo, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Hal Weller.

On request of Assemblywoman Mastroluca, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Geoff Neuman and Richard McEnaney.

On request of Assemblyman Mortenson, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Candy Schneider.

On request of Assemblyman Ocegueda, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Donald Brown.

On request of Assemblyman Ohrenschall, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Bobbie Ann Howell, Nettie Olivero, and Robert Fielding.

On request of Assemblywoman Parnell, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Scott Faulkner.

On request of Assemblywoman Pierce, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Amber Urioste.

On request of Assemblyman Segerblom, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Richard Hooker.

On request of Assemblyman Settlemeyer, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Sharon Schlegel.

On request of Assemblywoman Smith, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Ann Clark and Patricia A. Wells.

On request of Assemblywoman Spiegel, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to John Shelton.

On request of Assemblyman Stewart, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Sally Ahistedt and Jutta Chambers.

On request of Assemblywoman Woodbury, the privilege of the floor of the Assembly Chamber for this day was extended to Joan Lolmaugh.

Assemblyman Ocegüera moved that the Assembly adjourn until Friday, March 6, 2009, at 11 a.m.

Motion carried.

Assembly adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Approved:

BARBARA E. BUCKLEY
Speaker of the Assembly

Attest: SUSAN FURLONG REIL
Chief Clerk of the Assembly