

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 8—SENATORS DENIS; ATKINSON, BROWER, CEGAVSKE, FORD, GOICOECHEA, GUSTAVSON, HAMMOND, HARDY, HUTCHISON, JONES, KIECKHEFER, KIHUEN, MANENDO, PARKS, ROBERSON, SEGERBLUM, SETTELMAYER, SMITH, SPEARMAN AND WOODHOUSE

APRIL 25, 2013

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Recognizes former State Senator Wilbur Faiss for his distinguished service to the State of Nevada and his exemplary life achievements. (BDR R-1216)

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

SENATE RESOLUTION—Recognizing former State Senator Wilbur Faiss for his distinguished service to the State of Nevada and his exemplary life achievements.

- 1 WHEREAS, Wilbur Faiss was born in Centralia, Illinois, on
2 October 14, 1911, and his wife Theresa Faiss was born in Clinton
3 County, Illinois, on September 10, 1915; and
4 WHEREAS, Theresa was married to Wilbur in 1933, and after 79
5 years, theirs was perhaps the longest successful marriage not only in
6 Nevada but in the entire United States; and
7 WHEREAS, Wilbur and Theresa and their three sons, Robert,
8 Donald and Ronald, arrived in the City of North Las Vegas in 1944
9 where Wilbur opened a small business and devoted time to his
10 community in many ways, including serving as a volunteer
11 firefighter; and
12 WHEREAS, Wilbur became one of the first workers at the
13 Nevada Test Site in the 1950s and later retired as a member of the
14 Teamsters Union on the Las Vegas Strip; and
15 WHEREAS, Upon retirement at 65 years of age, Wilbur answered
16 the call of his constituents to become a Democratic candidate for the
17 Nevada State Senate and went on to win that first effort for public
18 office by one of the highest margins in this State; and
19 WHEREAS, Wilbur served two distinguished terms in the Nevada
20 Senate from 1976 to 1984, focusing on the areas of working men



1 and women, senior citizens, education, civil rights and the
2 protection of the environment; and

3 WHEREAS, After 79 devoted years, Wilbur lost his beloved
4 Theresa in November 2012, but their sons, Robert, Donald and
5 Ronald, have gone on to follow the outstanding examples set by
6 both of their parents and are exceedingly accomplished in their
7 professions and highly respected throughout the State of Nevada;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Wilbur's proudest legacy is the Wilbur and Theresa
10 Faiss Middle School in Las Vegas and, in his address to the students
11 on the eve of his 100th birthday, Wilbur inspired them by stating,
12 "The students who did their best to attend class usually were the
13 best students; those who were better students did better in life; those
14 who always told the truth, who obeyed the rules and who always
15 were fair and considerate in dealing with others became better
16 citizens; and those who worked hard in school and worked hard in
17 their jobs became more successful"; and

18 WHEREAS, Wilbur's most important advice is to maintain a
19 willingness to compromise, whether it is in life, politics or
20 marriage—after all, Wilbur is a lifelong Democrat and Theresa was
21 a Republican; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That
23 Wilbur Faiss, who, at 101 years of age, has dedicated many years of
24 his life to the service of the people of the State of Nevada, as a
25 loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, a small business
26 owner and a member of the Nevada Senate for 8 years, is hereby
27 recognized by the Senate of the State of Nevada.

