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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 3—SENATORS NGUYEN; BUCK, CANNIZZARO, DALY, DONATE, DONDERO LOOP, FLORES, GOICOECHEA, HAMMOND, HANSEN, D. HARRIS, KRASNER, LANGE, NEAL, OHRENSCHALL, PAZINA, SCHEIBLE, SEEVERS GANSERT, SPEARMAN, STONE AND TITUS

APRIL 27, 2023

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN YEAGER; ANDERSON, BACKUS, BILBRAY-AXELROD, BROWN-MAY, CARTER, COHEN, CONSIDINE, DELONG, DICKMAN, D’SILVA, DURAN, GALLANT, GONZÁLEZ, GORELOW, GRAY, GURR, HAFEN, HANSEN, HARDY, HIBBETTS, JAUREGUI, KASAMA, KOENIG, LA RUE HATCH, MARZOLA, MCARTHUR, BRITNEY MILLER, C.H. MILLER, MONROE-MORENO, MOSCA, NEWBY, NGUYEN, O’NEILL, ORENTLICHER, PETERS, SUMMERS-ARMSTRONG, TAYLOR, THOMAS, TORRES, WATTS AND YUREK

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes esteemed attorney and lobbyist Ben Graham. (BDR R-1095)

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

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing esteemed attorney and lobbyist Ben Graham.

1 WHEREAS, Ben Graham was born in 1942 in Corvallis, Oregon  
2 and thrived growing up on his family’s farm and playing the piano;  
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4 WHEREAS, After a brief sojourn in Washington, D.C. for college  
5 and work, Ben returned to Oregon to pursue his true passion in legal  
6 studies, graduating with a doctorate of jurisprudence cum laude  
7 from Willamette University College of Law; and

8 WHEREAS, Ben practiced law for 8 years in Oregon and also  
9 served as the president of the Board of Mentally Handicapped



1 Adults, before moving to Las Vegas in 1977 to become a prosecutor  
2 for the Clark County District Attorney's Office; and

3 WHEREAS, Ben continued on to serve as a Chief Deputy District  
4 Attorney in the Criminal Division and also played an influential role  
5 in the evolution of Nevada's current criminal law as the lobbyist for  
6 the Nevada District Attorneys Association; and

7 WHEREAS, Ben worked tirelessly for over 30 years to improve  
8 the judicial system in this State, including teaching criminal justice  
9 courses for 29 years at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the  
10 College of Southern Nevada; and

11 WHEREAS, After retirement from his illustrious career with  
12 Clark County, Ben continued his contributions to the legal  
13 community as an attorney for the Nevada Supreme Court for 14  
14 years, by which time he had perfected his famous chocolate chip  
15 cookies that he and Elana, his loving wife of 43 years, often baked  
16 to give as gifts to their friends and loved ones in the community,  
17 including the Nevada Legislature; and

18 WHEREAS, Although Ben's professional career included many  
19 accomplishments, one of his proudest achievements was co-  
20 founding the Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers program of the State  
21 Bar of Nevada, which assists lawyers with addiction issues; and

22 WHEREAS, On a personal level, Ben is remembered by his wife,  
23 his children and their spouses, his niece and nephew, as well as his  
24 grandchildren, as a man of strong faith and a constant source of  
25 support and unconditional love; and

26 WHEREAS, Although Ben faced many challenges and difficulties  
27 during his lifetime, including the tragic passing of his daughter  
28 Caroline in 2012, he used the hardships he endured as inspiration for  
29 a life of service, which ultimately left an enduring impact on  
30 Nevadans from all walks of life; now, therefore, be it

31 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE  
32 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That Ben Graham's legacy and  
33 immeasurable contributions to the legal community of this State be  
34 commended and remembered as having forever changed the course  
35 of life for generations of Nevadans; and be it further

36 RESOLVED, That Ben Graham's life, both professionally and  
37 personally, serve as the true embodiment of what it means to live a  
38 life of service in this State; and be it further

39 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and  
40 transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Ben Graham; and  
41 be it further

42 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon  
43 adoption.

