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

WHEREAS, Ben Graham was born in 1942 in Corvallis, Oregon and thrived growing up on his family’s farm and playing the piano; and

WHEREAS, After a brief sojourn in Washington, D.C. for college and work, Ben returned to Oregon to pursue his true passion in legal studies, graduating with a doctorate of jurisprudence cum laude from Willamette University College of Law; and

WHEREAS, Ben practiced law for 8 years in Oregon and also served as the president of the Board of Mentally Handicapped Adults, before moving to Las Vegas in 1977 to become a prosecutor for the Clark County District Attorney’s Office; and

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

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

WHEREAS, After retirement from his illustrious career with Clark County, Ben continued his contributions to the legal community as an attorney for the Nevada Supreme Court for 14 years, by which time he had perfected his famous chocolate chip cookies that he and Elana, his loving wife of 43 years, often baked



to give as gifts to their friends and loved ones in the community, including the Nevada Legislature; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

