

THE EIGHTY-EIGHTH DAY

CARSON CITY (Thursday), May 04, 2023

Senate called to order at 12:12 p.m.

President Anthony presiding.

Roll called.

All present except for Senator Spearman, who was excused.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Pastor Peggy Locke.

We give You thanks and praise for this National Day of Prayer today, where thousands of different faiths are gathered together to pray for our nation and leaders.

From 2 Chronicles 7:14:

If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

We thank You for Your promise, O Mighty God, a promise to heal our land and heal America. If we humbly ask and seek You and turn to You, You will hear and answer our prayers.

We pray fervently for our communities, for Nevadans everywhere and for our country. We pray for those in authority over us.

We pray for families, churches, education, businesses, hospitals, first responders and for our military. We pray for our government, arts, entertainment and media. We pray that every person would reflect Your righteousness in every sphere of influence and every aspect of our lives. Every person is Your workmanship, fearfully and wonderfully created and loved.

We ask that hope would arise in our hearts, that hatred would be silenced and that You, O Father, will heal our land as we turn our hearts to You in repentance and humbleness for Your will and purposes to be done.

May God bless America.

In Jesus' Name, we pray.

AMEN.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

By previous order of the Senate, the reading of the Journal is dispensed with, and the President and Secretary are authorized to make the necessary corrections and additions.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 452, 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 were re-referred Senate Bills Nos. 159, 167, 275, has had the same under consideration, and begs leave to report the same back with the recommendation: Do pass, as amended.

MARILYN DONDERO LOOP, *Chair*

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND NOTICES

By Senator Ohrenschall and Assemblywoman Anderson:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4—Celebrating the life and accomplishments of beloved educator and Legislative Assistant Patricia "Pat" Jo Hutson.

WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature on this day remember and celebrate the life of Patricia "Pat" Jo Hutson; and

WHEREAS, Pat was born May 3, 1945, in Los Angeles, California, before eventually settling with her family in northern Nevada, where she graduated from Sparks High School and the University of Nevada, Reno; and

WHEREAS, Generations of young people were coached or taught by Pat over a career spanning 30 years at E. Otis Vaughn Middle School, Earl Wooster High School and Galena High School, during which she exhibited tremendous leadership qualities to her students and the new teachers that she mentored; and

WHEREAS, After retirement, Pat could be found cheering on her grandchildren at sporting events, traveling to exotic places and spending time with people close to her heart; and

WHEREAS, Pat also enjoyed volunteering for worthy causes, including her commitment to keep alive in Carson City, Nevada the once struggling Nu Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, which is an honor society for key women educators; and

WHEREAS, Pat became an essential part of the family in legislative service as she spent nine regular sessions aiding, corralling and supporting the Ohrenschall Legislators, beginning with former Assemblywoman Genie Ohrenschall Daykin and continuing through the 2019 Legislative Session; and

WHEREAS, During the pandemic, meet-ups with friends from both Pat's time teaching and her time working for the Legislature ensured Pat was not isolated during her illness, and these gatherings evolved into the Wine Wednesday community of more than 30 women coming together to support Pat and who, in turn, found support among each other; and

WHEREAS, An inspiration to so many, Pat showered those around her with her carefree spirit, unlimited kindness and unwavering love, often expressed in greeting cards of her own creation; and

WHEREAS, Married for over 50 years to her husband R.F. "Dick" Hutson, who passed away in 2018, Pat is survived by sons Richard and Steven Hutson and their families; and

WHEREAS, Nevada has lost a beloved daughter, mother, sister and wife, and dedicated professional to education and the Legislature with the passing of Pat on March 28, 2023; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 82nd Session of the Nevada Legislature remember and celebrate the life of Patricia "Pat" Jo Hutson on this day and extend their deepest condolences to Pat's family and friends; and be it further

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

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

Senator Ohrenschall moved the adoption of the resolution.

Remarks by Senators Ohrenschall and Cannizzaro.

SENATOR OHRENSCHALL:

I consider myself truly blessed to have been able to get to know and work with Pat Hutson. I first got to meet Pat during the 2003 session when she and my mom, former Assemblywoman Genie Ohrenschall, worked together. They continued to work together through her last session in the State Assembly in 2005. Pat and I talked a little bit, but we did not get to know each other too well.

In 2006, when I had the opportunity to run for the State Assembly and was elected, I asked Pat if she would work with me. She had to think about it for a little bit, but she gave me a chance. I thought we were a great team. As first sessions go for a lot of us, my first session was tough, a lot of ups and downs, a lot of wins and losses, more losses than wins and a lot of heartbreaks about my bills. When I got elected in 2006, I thought I would change the world, and I thought I would do it in one session as well. Pat wanted to help me change the world in that one session. I did not accomplish it, but Pat was always there for me, always there to support me, be a shoulder I could cry on when I needed to and be a sounding board. She was someone who had a smile that would light up the room. She always tried to look at the bright side no matter how tough a situation was. She tried to make you look at what was good and how lucky you were to be here.

Pat taught so many students who have come to me and said, "You know, Mrs. Hutson was my teacher" or "Mrs. Hutson was my coach." During my first session in the Assembly in 2007, I sat right next to Assemblywoman Francis Allen, who was representing a district down in Southern Nevada. But Assemblywoman Allen had grown up here in Northern Nevada, attended Galena High School and Mrs. Hutson had been her teacher. There was a close relationship between Pat and her former students, like former Assemblywoman Allen and many others who have come to me and talked to me about how great Mrs. Hutson was.

There were times where she would let me know how she felt about policy. There was one particular vote early on in my career in the Assembly, some of us will remember it, to have Nevada pull out of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency and the Tahoe Regional Compact. Pat told me not to come back to the office if I voted for that. The door will be locked; I better not come back. Then she told me she was just joking. I did not vote for that. I voted "no." That made a lot of people mad at me, but I was allowed back in the office. For the most part, we had discussions on policy. She always respected where I landed even if she thought maybe I was going too far out one way or too far out the other way. She usually would let me know that she understood. There were some bills she cared about a lot where I could see what she thought there was merit in that bill, and there were others I could not get there.

I thought Pat would always be with me and help me. That was very selfish of me. Besides her two sessions working with my mom in the Assembly, Pat and I worked together for seven sessions. She was my Committee Manager for the Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections and my attaché. She helped me tremendously with all the work here. We got to work together during the 2019 session, my first session in the Senate, and we got to work on many great things together.

Unfortunately, after Pat lost her husband, Dick, her health failed. She was battling cancer. I would get reports all the time because we stayed in touch. I would get reports about how her treatment was going. For a while, I really thought she had it beat, and I was hoping everything would be just the way it was. Unfortunately, we lost Pat. Yesterday would have been her 78th birthday.

She touched people in a tremendous way throughout her life, whether it was professionally as an educator or working here at the Legislature as a coach. She also volunteered her time on a lot of charitable events with the educational organizations she belonged to. Pat loved to travel. She loved Wine Wednesdays, which even though they started out as a female-only event, I did get invited to them. Pat told me it was not because she was worried that they were going to get busted for not supporting males and females attending. She said she just thought I should attend and I would have fun. So I did get to attend Wine Wednesday a few times.

I know there are many people in this building who developed a tremendous friendship with Pat, and I was lucky to work with her. I cannot say how much she contributed. A lot of times we think about the contributions of Legislators, and we think about the contributions of staff, but folks who take time away to come and help us during the session like Pat would do consistently for nine regular legislative sessions, really makes a tremendous difference to our institution. Pat cared about the institution. She cared about the Ohrenschalls; she wanted to see us succeed. She wanted to see our legislation succeed, even if every now and then she did not agree with it. She wanted to see the institution succeed. She worked hard to make sure that her smile that lit up the room would try to light up this whole building. She had so many friends around here that I think she accomplished that. I miss her tremendously.

I urge support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4. I hope the body will consider supporting this and honoring all of Pat's accomplishments. Over in the Assembly, I hope that it will get support. I urge your support.

SENATOR CANNIZZARO:

I support Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4. For those of us who knew Pat in this building, she was always very kind. She certainly helped my colleague from Senate District 21 immensely, and she was great working in the Legislative Operations and Elections Committee during my time. I know that she has touched a lot of other lives in this building and folks who were close to her and worked with her for many years both on the Senate side and the Assembly side. She is missed, and we hope that she is having many Wine Wednesdays from here on out. I urge my colleagues to vote in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4.

Resolution adopted.

Resolution ordered transmitted to the Assembly.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
SIGNING OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

There being no objections, the President and Secretary signed Senate Bill No. 132.

GUESTS EXTENDED PRIVILEGE OF SENATE FLOOR

On request of Senator Cannizzaro, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Communities in Schools, Tami Hance-Lehr, students of Sparks High School and Elaine Wynn.

On request of Senator Dondero Loop, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Robin Reed.

On request of Senator Flores, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Assemblyman C.H. Miller, Assemblywoman Monroe-Moreno, Sonja Barnum-Mason, students of Carson High School and Beatrice Soares.

On request of Senator Harris, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity members.

On request of Senator Krasner, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to students of Al Seeliger Elementary School, students of Carson Middle School, Viviana Castro, McKenzie Merrell and Penelope Truell,

On request of Senator Ohrenschall, the privilege of the floor of the Senate Chamber for this day was extended to Theresa Burrows, Diane DeLaney, Yfantus Evangelos, Ph.D., Karen Friel, Harle Glover, Ally Hutson, Collin Hutson, Dawn Hutson, Lukas Hutson, Malaina Hutson, Nate Hutson, Rich Hutson, Steven Hutson and Genie Ohrenschall-Daykin.

Senator Cannizzaro moved that the Senate adjourn until Monday, May 8, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

Senate adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Approved:

STAVROS ANTHONY
President of the Senate

Attest: BRENDAN BUCY
Secretary of the Senate