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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—ASSEMBLYMEN  
BROWN, ANDERSON, ANDONOV, ANGLE, ARBERRY,  
ATKINSON, BEERS, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHOWNING,  
CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, COLLINS, CONKLIN, GEDDES,  
GIBBONS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOICOECHEA, GOLDWATER,  
GRADY, GRIFFIN, GUSTAVSON, HARDY, HETTRICK,  
HORNE, KNECHT, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MABEY, MANENDO,  
MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MCCLEARY, MORTENSON,  
OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PERKINS, PIERCE,  
SHERER, WEBER AND WILLIAMS

MAY 6, 2003

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CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, HARDY, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS,  
NEAL, NOLAN, O'CONNELL, RAGGIO, RAWSON, RHOADS,  
SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON  
AND WIENER

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes former Assemblyman and longtime  
educator James Edward Smalley, Sr. (BDR R-1336)

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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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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing  
former Assemblyman and longtime educator James  
Edward Smalley, Sr.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the 72nd Session of the Nevada  
2 Legislature join the family and friends, and the residents of his  
3 beloved City of Henderson, in mourning the loss of James Edward  
4 Smalley, Sr. who died April 5, 2003; and  
5 WHEREAS, Born December 1, 1924, in Peebles, Ohio, James  
6 Smalley served as a sergeant in the Army Air Corps and flew 38  
7 missions over Europe during World War II; and



1 WHEREAS, After the war, James Smalley resumed his education  
2 and earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in United States  
3 history at Ohio State University; and

4 WHEREAS, James Smalley, who began his teaching career in  
5 Nevada in 1949 at the old Fifth Street School in Las Vegas and who  
6 also taught briefly in North Las Vegas, spent most of his years as a  
7 teacher in Henderson, where he taught social studies at Burkholder  
8 Middle School until his retirement in 1982; and

9 WHEREAS, Concerns about air and water pollution in the Las  
10 Vegas Valley and the increasing need for state funding for education  
11 convinced James Smalley to throw his hat into the political ring to  
12 pursue his desire to work toward the good of his chosen state; and

13 WHEREAS, Elected to the Assembly in 1970 and again in 1972,  
14 James Smalley served on the Committee on Education, the  
15 Committee on Health and Welfare, the Committee on Taxation and  
16 the Committee on Environment and Public Resources; and

17 WHEREAS, Assemblyman Smalley fought to maintain a clean  
18 work environment in the industrial businesses in the State, and the  
19 many bills he sponsored for the benefit of the residents of Nevada  
20 included legislation that would strengthen the state Office of  
21 Consumer Affairs; and

22 WHEREAS, When talk of consolidation and annexations in Clark  
23 County arose in the mid-1970s, James Smalley stood against any  
24 action that would swallow up Henderson and vowed to do whatever  
25 was needed to maintain Henderson's autonomy and identity; and

26 WHEREAS, In 2002, James Smalley and his wife Rae, who were  
27 both very active in Henderson civic affairs, were named  
28 Distinguished Nevadans by the Board of Regents of the University  
29 of Nevada in recognition of their contributions to the State; and

30 WHEREAS, James Smalley is survived by his wife Rae, son Ed  
31 Smalley, daughters Alicia Smalley and Esther Cothrun, and seven  
32 grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

33 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE  
34 SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 2003 Nevada  
35 Legislature extend their deepest sympathies to the family and  
36 friends of James Smalley and to the residents of Henderson who  
37 were the primary recipients of the dedication and service of this  
38 caring man with a quiet demeanor; and be it further

39 RESOLVED, That the many people whose education was  
40 enhanced in the classrooms of James Smalley will remember and  
41 strive to live what he taught in his classes and by the example of his  
42 life; and be it further



1       RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and  
2 transmit a copy of this resolution to Rae, his loving wife of 57 years.

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