

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, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Perkins, Pierce, Sherer, Weber and Williams

Joint Sponsors: Senators Tiffany, Amodei, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Hardy, Mathews, McGinness, Neal, Nolan, O’Connell, Raggio, Rawson, Rhoads, Schneider, Shaffer, Titus, Townsend, Washington and Wiener

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

WHEREAS, The members of the 72nd Session of the Nevada Legislature join the family and friends, and the residents of his beloved City of Henderson, in mourning the loss of James Edward Smalley, Sr. who died April 5, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Born December 1, 1924, in Peebles, Ohio, James Smalley served as a sergeant in the Army Air Corps and flew 38 missions over Europe during World War II; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Smalley fought to maintain a clean work environment in the industrial businesses in the State, and the many bills he sponsored for the benefit of the residents of Nevada

included legislation that would strengthen the state Office of Consumer Affairs; and

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

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

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

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

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

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