
ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4—ASSEMBLYMEN
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CHOWNING, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, COLLINS, CONKLIN,
GEDDES, GIBBONS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOICOECHEA,
GOLDWATER, GRADY, GRIFFIN, GUSTAVSON, HARDY,
HORNE, KNECHT, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MABEY, MANENDO,
MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MCCLEARY, MORTENSON,
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SHERER, WEBER AND WILLIAMS

FEBRUARY 27, 2003

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SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TIFFANY, TITUS, TOWNSEND,
WASHINGTON AND WIENER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Honors longest-serving Legislators, Joseph E. Dini,
Jr., and Lawrence E. Jacobsen. (BDR R-158)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Honoring the
longest-serving Legislators in the State of Nevada, Joseph
E. Dini, Jr., and Lawrence E. Jacobsen.

- 1 WHEREAS, The two longest-serving members of the Nevada
2 Legislature are former Assemblyman Joseph E. Dini, Jr., and former
3 Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen; and
4 WHEREAS, Assemblyman Dini is a native of Yerington, an
5 alumnus of the University of Nevada, Reno, and a Nevada
6 businessman; and
7 WHEREAS, Assemblyman Dini served for 36 years in the
8 Nevada Legislature, beginning in 1966 when he was elected to the
9 Nevada State Assembly; and



1 WHEREAS, Assemblyman Dini served in the Nevada State
2 Assembly for a record 18 regular sessions and 5 special sessions and
3 was recognized for his strong leadership abilities by election to
4 Speaker of the Assembly in 1977, serving an unprecedented eight
5 times in that capacity; and

6 WHEREAS, "Mr. Speaker," as Assemblyman Dini has been
7 known affectionately by colleagues and staff alike, was recognized
8 as an expert on numerous issues, including the management of
9 Nevada's water resources; and

10 WHEREAS, Assemblyman Dini took the leadership role in many
11 areas affecting the State of Nevada, from equity issues of revenues
12 for education to safeguarding the clear waters of Lake Tahoe, in
13 which he worked to develop a compact with California to control
14 growth in the Lake Tahoe Basin; and

15 WHEREAS, "Mr. Speaker" has forwarded the international
16 interests of the State of Nevada by developing cooperative relations
17 with the Province of Taiwan of the Republic of China, and in April
18 2000, he was honored by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
19 Republic of China with the Friendship Medal of Diplomacy; and

20 WHEREAS, In 2001, Speaker Dini was bestowed the honorary
21 title of Speaker Emeritus, a first for a Nevada Legislator; and

22 WHEREAS, Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen is a native of
23 Gardnerville, served his country throughout World War II and is a
24 decorated survivor of the attack on Pearl Harbor; and

25 WHEREAS, Senator Jacobsen served for a remarkable 40 years in
26 the Nevada Legislature, which included 20 regular legislative
27 sessions and 8 special sessions, this being an all-time record for
28 legislative service in the State of Nevada; and

29 WHEREAS, In 1963, Senator Jacobsen began his tenure in the
30 Legislature with election to the Nevada State Assembly, and he
31 remained in the Assembly for 16 years and was elected Speaker of
32 the Assembly for the 1971 Session; and

33 WHEREAS, In 1979, Senator Jacobsen began serving in the
34 Nevada State Senate and was President pro Tempore of the Senate
35 for seven legislative sessions, setting a record for the longest service
36 of any Senator in this capacity in Nevada history; and

37 WHEREAS, Senator Jacobsen was a member of the Legislative
38 Commission for 26 years, 6 of those years serving as the Chairman
39 of the Commission, as well as being a member of the Interim
40 Finance Committee for 12 years; and

41 WHEREAS, Senator Jacobsen took a particular interest in the
42 buildings, grounds and staff of the Legislature and the Legislative
43 Counsel Bureau, being the main force behind moving the
44 Legislature out of the crowded Capitol Building and into a new and
45 completely separate Legislative Building; and



1 WHEREAS, Senator Jacobsen represented the Nevada Legislature
2 for many years through his work on numerous committees of the
3 National Conference of State Legislatures and the Council of State
4 Governments; and

5 WHEREAS, Always a strong supporter of the military veterans of
6 this state, Senator Jacobsen sponsored more legislation for the
7 benefit of veterans than any legislator before him; and

8 WHEREAS, The long and distinguished careers of Assemblyman
9 Joseph E. Dini, Jr., and Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen will forever
10 serve as models of public service for future members of the Nevada
11 Legislature; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
13 SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada
14 Legislature pay special tribute to and express sincere gratitude to
15 Assemblyman Joseph E. Dini, Jr., and Senator Lawrence E.
16 Jacobsen in recognition of their long records of public service to
17 Nevada; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
19 transmit a copy of this resolution to former Assemblyman Joseph E.
20 Dini, Jr., and to former Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen.

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