

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 4—Assemblymen Hettrick, Anderson, Andonov, Angle, Arberry, Atkinson, Beers, Brown, Buckley, Carpenter, Chowning, Christensen, Claborn, Collins, Conklin, Geddes, Gibbons, Giunchigliani, Goicoechea, Goldwater, Grady, Griffin, Gustavson, Hardy, Horne, Knecht, Koivisto, Leslie, Mabey, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, McCleary, Mortenson, Ocegüera, OhrenschaU, Parks, Perkins, Pierce, Sherer, Weber and Williams

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

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

WHEREAS, The two longest-serving members of the Nevada Legislature are former Assemblyman Joseph E. Dini, Jr., and former Senator Lawrence E. Jacobsen; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Dini is a native of Yerington, an alumnus of the University of Nevada, Reno, and a Nevada businessman; and

WHEREAS, Assemblyman Dini served for 36 years in the Nevada Legislature, beginning in 1966 when he was elected to the Nevada State Assembly; and

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

WHEREAS, “Mr. Speaker,” as Assemblyman Dini has been known affectionately by colleagues and staff alike, was recognized as an expert on numerous issues, including the management of Nevada’s water resources; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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