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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23—SENATORS AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, HARDY, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NEAL, NOLAN, O’CONNELL, RAGGIO, RAWSON, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TIFFANY, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

MARCH 20, 2003

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN WILLIAMS, ANDERSON, ANDONOV, ANGLE, ARBERRY, ATKINSON, BEERS, BROWN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHOWNING, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, COLLINS, CONKLIN, GEDDES, GIBBONS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOICOECHEA, GOLDWATER, GRADY, GRIFFIN, GUSTAVSON, HARDY, HETRICK, HORNE, KNECHT, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MABEY, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MCCLEARY, MORTENSON, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PERKINS, PIERCE, SHERER AND WEBER

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Honors restaurateurs Paul and Adele Abowd.  
(BDR R-822)

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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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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Honoring restaurateurs Paul and Adele Abowd.

1 WHEREAS, On October 28, 2002, Adele’s at the Plaza in  
2 downtown Reno, a restaurant owned and operated by Paul and  
3 Adele Abowd, closed for business on the 11th anniversary of its  
4 opening date; and  
5 WHEREAS, Paul and Adele met in San Francisco, California,  
6 where Paul was a fry cook and Adele was a waitress in a restaurant  
7 owned by Paul’s father, and were married in 1950 to form the  
8 unbeatable team that has made them known and loved by many and  
9 to start the family that would grow to include sons, Charlie and  
10 Michael, and daughters, Cyrina and Colette; and



1 WHEREAS, The team of Paul and Adele Abowd has made its  
2 mark in the culinary world for the past 50 years through the  
3 introduction of new restaurant concepts such as Peg's Glorified  
4 Ham and Eggs which opened in Richmond, California, in 1953 and  
5 was such a hit that the line was extended to El Cerrito and Oakland,  
6 California; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1978, the Abowds moved to Carson City to open  
8 Adele's, a restaurant that became an icon of fine dining in western  
9 Nevada and is currently owned by their son, Charlie, and his wife,  
10 Karen, and in 1991, Adele's at the Plaza in Reno opened its doors to  
11 expand and continue the tradition of world-class cuisine in a  
12 relaxing atmosphere; and

13 WHEREAS, Acting on his belief that dining should be an  
14 enjoyable experience and even an adventure, Paul Abowd never  
15 stopped working to extend the bill of fare, deepen the selection of  
16 fine wines and perfect the atmosphere of their restaurants to meet  
17 the needs of their guests and satisfy even the most discriminating  
18 tastes; and

19 WHEREAS, The charm and graciousness of Paul and Adele,  
20 which was a trademark of their approach to serving fine meals in  
21 their restaurants, is also evident in their home in Carson City where  
22 they have hosted fundraisers, community events, social dinners and  
23 political functions, including a very successful fundraiser in 1988  
24 for former Governor Richard Bryan in support of his race for a seat  
25 in the United States Senate; and

26 WHEREAS, Former President of the Nevada Restaurant  
27 Association and recipient of the 2001 Restaurateur of the Year  
28 Award, Adele Abowd maintains that the greatest benefit of their  
29 chosen lifestyle was meeting, and often becoming friends with, so  
30 many wonderful people from all walks of life, the list of which  
31 includes visionary leaders and powerful statesmen; and

32 WHEREAS, After committing most of their lives to the restaurant  
33 business and the people they served, Paul and Adele Abowd are  
34 retiring and using the extra time to spend with each other and their  
35 family; now, therefore, be it

36 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE  
37 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 72nd Session of  
38 the Nevada Legislature extend their admiration and gratitude to Paul  
39 and Adele Abowd for their contributions to the restaurant industry  
40 in Nevada, their culinary expertise and their energetic service to the  
41 people of this state; and be it further

42 RESOLVED, That Paul and Adele Abowd's example of  
43 dedication to their life's work of service in the restaurant industry  
44 and their cheerful involvement in the community that have



1 characterized their 52 years together will be an inspiration to all  
2 whose lives they have touched; and be it further  
3       RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and  
4 transmit a copy of this resolution to Paul and Adele Abowd.

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