

SUMMARY—Memorializes esteemed native Nevadan and lobbyist Kathleen “Neena” Laxalt.

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing esteemed native Nevadan and lobbyist Kathleen “Neena” Laxalt.

WHEREAS, Born 2 months premature at a mere 4 pounds in Reno, Nevada in 1957, Kathleen “Neena” Laxalt entered the world with an indomitable fighting spirit; and

WHEREAS, The devoted daughter of parents Paul Dominique Laxalt and Jackalyn Ross Laxalt, Neena Laxalt grew up in Carson City with her five siblings and many cousins; and

WHEREAS, Neena Laxalt was raised in the world of law and politics with her maternal grandfather, Judge John R. Ross, serving as a federal judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of Nevada from 1954 to 1963 and her father, Paul D. Laxalt, serving as Nevada’s Lieutenant Governor, Governor and U.S. Senator between 1963 and 1987; and

WHEREAS, A proud product of humble immigrants who settled in Nevada, Neena Laxalt, as a fourth-generation Irish descendant, possessed a keen sense of humor, a refined gift of conversation and, as a second-generation Basque descendant, a clear focus and unfailing work ethic; and

WHEREAS, After beginning her storied lobbying career in the halls of the Arizona Legislature, Neena Laxalt spent over 25 years skillfully navigating the legislative process at the Nevada Legislature and in other governmental arenas by providing valuable insights and fostering collaboration among policymakers, stakeholders and communities; and



WHEREAS, In 2017, her colleagues recognized her significant contributions by inducting her into the Nevada Legislature's James A. Joyce Lobbyist Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Neena Laxalt has had a marked impact on numerous state policies, notably in the areas of agriculture, ranching, animal welfare and the well-being of Nevada's Native American and rural communities, and she devoted innumerable hours in her leadership role planning the historic celebration of Nevada's sesquicentennial anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Neena Laxalt mentored countless young professionals, especially women, and her guidance and support empowered them to flourish in their advocacy or political careers; and

WHEREAS, An animal and nature enthusiast, Neena Laxalt became the guardian of the revered Laxalt family sheep camp at Marlette Lake, following in her Basque grandfather Dominique Laxalt's footsteps; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada Legislature offer their deepest condolences to Neena Laxalt's daughter, Kevan Danielle, her granddaughter, Grace Kathleen, her four siblings, her many cousins and her many lifelong friends; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the legacy of Neena Laxalt's distinguished lobbying career and service to this State will long be remembered and serve as an inspiration to others to embrace the role of mentor or tireless advocate for their causes; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of Neena Laxalt; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

