
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1—SENATORS CANNIZZARO; BUCK, CRUZ-CRAWFORD, DALY, DOÑATE, DONDERO LOOP, ELLISON, FLORES, HANSEN, KRASNER, LANGE, NEAL, NGUYEN, OHRENSCHALL, PAZINA, ROGICH, SCHEIBLE, STEINBECK, STONE, TAYLOR AND TITUS

FEBRUARY 18, 2025

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes esteemed native Nevadan and lobbyist Kathleen “Neena” Laxalt. (BDR R-1028)

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

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

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

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

7 WHEREAS, Neena Laxalt was raised in the world of law and
8 politics with her maternal grandfather, Judge John R. Ross, serving
9 as a federal judge for the U.S. District Court for the District of
10 Nevada from 1954 to 1963 and her father, Paul D. Laxalt, serving as



1 Nevada's Lieutenant Governor, Governor and U.S. Senator between
2 1963 and 1987; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
2 adoption.

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