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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing former Nevada Attorney General and Nevada Supreme Court Chief Justice Charles E. Springer.

WHEREAS, On February 19, 2019, the State of Nevada lost a dedicated and highly distinguished public servant; and

WHEREAS, Native Nevadan Charles Springer was born February 20, 1928, in Reno, Nevada, to Edwin and Rose Kelly Springer; and

WHEREAS, Charles' early education began in Reno at Mount Rose Elementary School and Billingshurst Junior High School, followed by St. Joseph's College in Mountain View, California, where Charles said he found his true calling in helping the poor, the underprivileged and those discriminated against by others; and

WHEREAS, Charles returned to Reno for his senior year at Reno High School and after graduation, at the height of World War II, enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served as a paratrooper in the 11th Airborne Division; and

WHEREAS, Following his service in the Army, Charles enrolled at the University of Nevada, Reno, met the love of his life, Jacqueline Sirkegian and they were married in 1951; and

WHEREAS, After Charles received his Bachelor of Arts degree, the couple moved to Washington, D.C., where Charles attended Georgetown Law School and obtained his Bachelor of Laws degree; and

WHEREAS, After returning to Reno in 1953, Charles served as a law clerk in the U.S. District Court and several years later, formed a law partnership, helped to develop and teach the Nevada Bar



Review Course, worked as a Legislative Bill Drafter for the Nevada State Legislature and served as the City Attorney for the City of Gabbs, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Charles Springer dedicated his legal career to righting wrongs and the mistreatment of others and in 1962, Governor Grant Sawyer appointed him Attorney General of the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, From 1973 to 1980, Charles Springer served as the Juvenile Court Master for the Second Judicial District Court and served as an adjunct professor at the McGeorge School of Law and the University of Nevada, Reno, and was on the faculty of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges in Reno, Nevada, and the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada, as well as teaching occasionally abroad, and was generally recognized as an expert in the field of juvenile law; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, Charles Springer secured his first seat on the Nevada Supreme Court where he would serve for the next 18 years, serving twice as Chief Justice; and

WHEREAS, While seated on the Supreme Court, Justice Springer headed a study on gender bias in the judiciary, and piloted a study relating to racial discrimination in the State's judicial system; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 80th Session of the Nevada Legislature extend their heartfelt sympathy to Justice Springer's beloved wife of 68 years, Jacqueline, daughter, Kelli Ann, son-in-law, Richard and grandchildren, Charles Tyler, Kelsey Cecelia and Karina Ann; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Justice Springer's wife, Jacqueline; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

