

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 2—Assemblymen Frierson; Anderson, Benitez-Thompson, Bilbray-Axelrod, Black, Brown-May, Carlton, Cohen, Considine, Dickman, Duran, Ellison, Flores, González, Gorelow, Hafen, Hansen, Hardy, Jauregui, Kasama, Krasner, Leavitt, Martinez, Marzola, Matthews, McArthur, Brittney Miller, C.H. Miller, Monroe-Moreno, Nguyen, O’Neill, Orentlicher, Peters, Roberts, Summers-Armstrong, Thomas, Titus, Tolles, Torres, Watts, Wheeler and Yeager

Joint Sponsors: Senators Cannizzaro; Brooks, Buck, Denis, Donate, Dondero Loop, Goicoechea, Hammond, Hansen, Hardy, D. Harris, Lange, Neal, Ohrenschall, Pickard, Ratti, Scheible, Seevers Gansert, Settlemeyer, Spearman and Tatro

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing former State Senator and Congressman James Hubert Bilbray.

WHEREAS, On September 19, 2021, the State of Nevada lost a devoted and highly distinguished public servant, a man whose legacy continues to enrich his community; and

WHEREAS, Native Nevadan James Hubert Bilbray was born May 19, 1938, at Las Vegas Hospital, to Ann and James Bilbray, beginning a lifetime of living in and loving Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, Jim’s early education began at Las Vegas High School, then Nevada Southern University, which would eventually become UNLV, the home of the Running Rebels and where Jim founded and was the first President of the UNLV Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, James Bilbray married his college sweetheart Michaelene Mercer, starting a 61-year partnership and family, including children, Bridget, Kevin, Erin and Shannon, sons-in-law Stephen, Noah and Danny, and grandchildren, Michaelene, Matthew, Caroline, Daisy and Molly; and

WHEREAS, After serving in the United States Army and the Nevada Army National Guard, and obtaining his bachelor of arts degree in government and a juris doctorate from American University in Washington, D.C., Mr. Bilbray began his notable career as a public servant for the people of this State, including as a deputy district attorney and on the Board of Regents of the University of Nevada, in addition to time spent in private practice; and



WHEREAS, Jim Bilbray was elected to the Nevada State Senate in 1980, and served during three regular sessions, and one special session, including two sessions as Chair of the Senate Committee on Taxation, where he worked to provide education funding for his alma mater, UNLV; and

WHEREAS, Upon his election in 1986 to the United States House of Representatives, Jim resigned his state Senate seat and spent eight years as a Congressman representing Southern Nevada, during which time he sponsored legislation to permanently preserve thousands of acres at Red Rock Canyon, which now has a plaque honoring him at the visitors' center, and created the Spring Mountain National Recreation Area; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada Legislature offer their deepest condolences to Jim's wife Michaelene, daughter Bridget and her husband Stephen, daughter Erin and her husband Noah, daughter and Assemblywoman Shannon Bilbray-Axelrod and her husband Danny, and grandchildren Michaelene, Matthew, Caroline, Daisy and Molly; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the remarkable legacy which Jim Bilbray leaves through his lifetime of passion and service for the Silver State, and Las Vegas in particular, is appreciated and lauded by all residents of this State; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Jim's beloved wife Michaelene; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon adoption.

