

Senate Resolution No. 8—Senators Denis; Atkinson, Brower, Cegavske, Ford, Goicoechea, Gustavson, Hammond, Hardy, Hutchison, Jones, Kieckhefer, Kihuen, Manendo, Parks, Roberson, Segerblom, Settlemeyer, Smith, Spearman and Woodhouse

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SENATE RESOLUTION—Recognizing former State Senator Wilbur Faiss for his distinguished service to the State of Nevada and his exemplary life achievements.

WHEREAS, Wilbur Faiss was born in Centralia, Illinois, on October 14, 1911, and his wife Theresa Faiss was born in Clinton County, Illinois, on September 10, 1915; and

WHEREAS, Theresa was married to Wilbur in 1933, and after 79 years, theirs was perhaps the longest successful marriage not only in Nevada but in the entire United States; and

WHEREAS, Wilbur and Theresa and their three sons, Robert, Donald and Ronald, arrived in the City of North Las Vegas in 1944 where Wilbur opened a small business and devoted time to his community in many ways, including serving as a volunteer firefighter; and

WHEREAS, Wilbur became one of the first workers at the Nevada Test Site in the 1950s and later retired as a member of the Teamsters Union on the Las Vegas Strip; and

WHEREAS, Upon retirement at 65 years of age, Wilbur answered the call of his constituents to become a Democratic candidate for the Nevada State Senate and went on to win that first effort for public office by one of the highest margins in this State; and

WHEREAS, Wilbur served two distinguished terms in the Nevada Senate from 1976 to 1984, focusing on the areas of working men and women, senior citizens, education, civil rights and the protection of the environment; and

WHEREAS, After 79 devoted years, Wilbur lost his beloved Theresa in November 2012, but their sons, Robert, Donald and Ronald, have gone on to follow the outstanding examples set by both of their parents and are exceedingly accomplished in their professions and highly respected throughout the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Wilbur's proudest legacy is the Wilbur and Theresa Faiss Middle School in Las Vegas and, in his address to the students on the eve of his 100th birthday, Wilbur inspired them by stating, "The students who did their best to attend class usually were the best students; those who were better students did better in life; those



who always told the truth, who obeyed the rules and who always were fair and considerate in dealing with others became better citizens; and those who worked hard in school and worked hard in their jobs became more successful”; and

WHEREAS, Wilbur’s most important advice is to maintain a willingness to compromise, whether it is in life, politics or marriage—after all, Wilbur is a lifelong Democrat and Theresa was a Republican; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That Wilbur Faiss, who, at 101 years of age, has dedicated many years of his life to the service of the people of the State of Nevada, as a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, a small business owner and a member of the Nevada Senate for 8 years, is hereby recognized by the Senate of the State of Nevada.

