

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 33—Senators Raggio; Amodei, Breedon, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Copening, Hardy, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Parks, Rhoads, Schneider, Townsend, Washington, Wiener and Woodhouse

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing Nicholas Clayton Stevens as the 2008 Children’s Miracle Network Miracle Child for Nevada.

WHEREAS, Each year a child is selected from each state in the United States and each province and territory in Canada to bring attention to the 17 million children treated annually by Children’s Miracle Network hospitals for every disease and injury imaginable; and

WHEREAS, The Champions Across America program honors these remarkable children who have triumphed despite severe medical challenges, and the selected children act as ambassadors, meeting local and national leaders and participating in the national television production of the “Children’s Miracle Network Celebration,” an annual fundraising event; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas Clayton Stevens was chosen as the 2008 Children’s Miracle Network Miracle Child for Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas was born 10 weeks premature with esophageal atresia and tracheoesophageal fistula and spent his first 9 weeks in intensive care at Renown Regional Medical Center, the only Children’s Miracle Network hospital in Northern Nevada; and

WHEREAS, The condition results from the esophagus ending without connecting to the stomach and being attached to the trachea, leaving no way for food from the mouth to reach the stomach and allowing air into the stomach and liquids into the lungs; and

WHEREAS, Nicholas would vomit anytime he was lain down in a horizontal position, until surgery at 11 months corrected this



problem and finally made it possible for Nicholas to sleep and have his diapers changed while lying down; and

WHEREAS, At 24 months of age, Nicholas was also diagnosed with cyclical vomiting syndrome, characterized by recurrent attacks of nausea, vomiting and exhaustion; and

WHEREAS, Having undergone 20 surgeries and more than 30 hospital admissions during his first 5 years of life, "Nicky" is now 11 years old but the size of a 7-year-old, and his favorite t-shirt has the slogan, "Small but Mighty," summing him up well; and

WHEREAS, Well-mannered, compassionate and caring to all, Nicholas is also highly energetic, quite skilled in playing the piano and acoustic guitar, enjoys snow skiing, golfing, origami and martial arts and received his black belt in May 2008; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada Legislature hereby recognize Nicholas Clayton Stevens as the 2008 Children's Miracle Network Miracle Child for Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Renown Regional Medical Center selected Nicholas for this honor in light of the exceptional strength, courage and hope he has demonstrated; and be it further

RESOLVED, That in appreciation for all that has been done for millions of children like Nicholas, the residents of Nevada are urged to show their support for the Children's Miracle Network and the nonprofit children's hospitals that depend on communities to help fund the vital services they offer to brave children everywhere; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Nicholas Clayton Stevens.

