

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 34—Senators Cegavske; Amodei, Breeden, Care, Carlton, Coffin, Copening, Hardy, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Parks, Raggio, Rhoads, Schneider, Townsend, Washington, Wiener and Woodhouse

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing veteran, visionary and community builder Robert A. Swadell.

WHEREAS, Where others saw obstacles, longtime Nevada resident and veteran Robert Swadell saw opportunities, and his pioneering vision continues to shape the communities of Henderson and Pahrump; and

WHEREAS, The son of a military chaplain, Robert was born on June 18, 1931, in Fort Bragg, California, and graduated from Balboa High School in Panama, the University of Nebraska at Omaha and the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, After combat tours in Korea and Vietnam, he retired in 1972 as a lieutenant colonel but continued to work in communications and intelligence as a civilian; and

WHEREAS, Although this great Nevadan's life and career took him to many places across the globe, Henderson became his home in 1975, where he began nearly three decades of public service and community building by serving on committees that oversaw the construction of the city's convention center, main administrative offices, emergency service headquarters and an animal shelter, and he was integral to the launch of the Lake Las Vegas project as well as the creation of the city's Veterans Memorial Wall; and

WHEREAS, Even before Robert moved to Pahrump in 2004 with his wife Mary, he had begun to unleash his community-building expertise on that burgeoning area by advocating safety improvements on the highway between Pahrump and Las Vegas as well as a boundary change with Clark County that ensured all of Pahrump's private land was located in Nye County; and



WHEREAS, His service to Pahrump included over 12 years of steadfast involvement in the town's push for a community college campus; and

WHEREAS, Robert was preceded in death by his brothers Carl and Eric, and is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary, his sister Mary Rose Shelton and her husband George, sisters-in-law Loyd Beth and Joice, nieces Karen, Debbie, Laura and Sally, and nephews Steven, Carl Eric, David, Mark and Eric, as well as many grandnieces and grandnephews; and

WHEREAS, His legacy is recognized and revered by the communities he served, and the justice center on Water Street in Henderson graces his name; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby express their sorrow over Robert's passing on March 15, 2009, and their sincere condolences to the family and friends of Robert Swadell; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this honorable veteran will be remembered by all as a frontiersman who always saw potential and worked devotedly for the prosperity of his community and well-being of his neighbors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Robert's wife Mary.

