

117TH CONGRESS  
2D SESSION

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Relating to the death of the Honorable Harry Mason Reid, Jr., former  
Senator for the State of Nevada.

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Ms. CORTEZ MASTO submitted the following resolution; which was referred to  
the Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

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# RESOLUTION

Relating to the death of the Honorable Harry Mason Reid,  
Jr., former Senator for the State of Nevada.

Whereas Harry Reid, born in Searchlight, Nevada, overcame  
abject poverty and rose to become one of the most influ-  
ential and revered leaders in the United States;

Whereas Harry Reid hitchhiked 40 miles each way to attend  
high school, subsequently attended Utah State Univer-  
sity, and later graduated from law school at George  
Washington University, all while supporting his studies  
with a career in amateur boxing;

Whereas, in 1959, Harry Reid married Landra Gould, to  
whom he was married for an incredible 62 years, and  
with whom he had 5 children (named Lana, Rory, Leif,  
Josh, and Key), 19 grandchildren, and 1 great-grand-  
child;

Whereas, while attending law school, Harry Reid worked nights as an officer for the United States Capitol Police to support his family;

Whereas, in 1968, Harry Reid began his decades of public service on behalf of the people of Nevada, including by serving for—

(1) 1 term as a member of the Nevada Assembly;

(2) 1 term as Lieutenant Governor, the youngest in Nevada history;

(3) 4 years as Chair of the Nevada Gaming Commission;

(4) 2 terms as Member of the House of Representatives for Nevada's First District; and

(5) 5 terms as a Senator for Nevada, including 12 years as Democratic Leader, 8 of which came as Majority Leader of the Senate;

Whereas Harry Reid, as Chair of the Nevada Gaming Commission, displayed his trademark determination and grit as he took on organized crime's influence in Las Vegas and helped grow the city into the world-class tourism destination it is today;

Whereas, as a public servant, including as a powerful Senator for the State of Nevada, Harry Reid championed—

(1) conservation of Nevada's natural treasures, including establishing Nevada's first national park, Great Basin National Park;

(2) measures to address climate change;

(3) protection of good-paying union jobs in the hospitality, construction, clean energy, service, and mining sectors;

(4) economic opportunity for all people of the United States and recovery from the Great Recession;

(5) access to the American Dream for all people of the United States, including blue-collar workers, hard-working immigrant families, and Dreamers;

(6) protection of Social Security benefits for all people of the United States; and

(7) access to high-quality health care for all people of the United States;

Whereas Harry Reid displayed deft legislative acumen, leadership, and political skill throughout his time in public office, including a dedication to working across the aisle to achieve results in a bipartisan fashion;

Whereas Harry Reid placed the interests of his constituents in Nevada first and fought for them relentlessly, serving as a voice for all hard-working Nevadans;

Whereas Harry Reid recognized that Nevada's diversity mirrored the diversity of the United States and was instrumental in giving the State of Nevada a deciding role in choosing both the Democratic and Republican party nominees for President;

Whereas Harry Reid's advocacy in Congress blocked efforts to store nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain, a continuing victory for Nevadans;

Whereas Harry Reid fought for access to affordable health care for Nevadans and all people of the United States, including by leading the way to pass the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148; 124 Stat. 119) and comprehensive health care reform legislation;

Whereas Harry Reid's dedication to fighting for Nevada also ensured that the State received the Federal funding it de-



