

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION No. 7
INTRODUCED BY SENATOR HAIGHT

FEBRUARY 25, 1943

Memorializing Edward A. Ducker on his Seventy-Third Birthday and Upon His Completion of a Quarter of a Century as a Member of the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada.

WHEREAS, EDWARD A. DUCKER, now one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada will on the twenty-sixth day of February 1943 observe his seventy-third birthday; and

WHEREAS, Judge Ducker has served the people of the State of Nevada for more than a quarter of a century as a member of the Supreme Court, during which period of time he was four times Chief Justice; and

WHEREAS, Believing that the record of this outstanding jurist is unparalleled in the Nation, we do now take this means of inscribing these words upon the pages of legislative history to the end that future generations of Nevadans may learn that greatness is but a happy blending of rugged honesty, industry and human understanding; and

WHEREAS, The early years of Judge Ducker's life were spent with saddle and reata riding the great cattle ranges of Nevada, a youth among those stalwart men who had even then established the great herds of livestock upon which the prosperity of our State so much depends, all of which instilled in him the rugged virtues of the pioneers' code of law; and

WHEREAS, During his lonely vigils in the silence of mountain and desert he became imbued with the ambition to study and to be admitted to the practice of law, which ambition he pursued with unswerving directness until the ambition became an accomplished fact; and

WHEREAS, He was admitted to the practice of law in the year 1902, was elected district attorney of Humboldt County in 1905, which office he hold until 1910, being then elected to the office of District Judge of Humboldt County for a period of eight years, thereafter being elevated to the Supreme Court of the State; and

WHEREAS, On the 26th day of February 1943 Judge Ducker will have reached the age of seventy-three years, thirty-nine of which have been spent in public office serving the State he loves; and

WHEREAS, Since the year 1940 he has been eligible to retirement under the provisions of the Judges' Pension Act on two-thirds of his present salary, all of which he has refused to take advantage of, preferring to serve rather than to be served; and

WHEREAS, The people of the State of Nevada are sincerely proud of the record of Judge Ducker, who as a man, a lawyer, and a judge stands as a monument to the freedom of opportunity open to all under democratic government; and

WHEREAS, The achievements of Judge Ducker are the more outstanding when one appreciates that his alma mater was the buckaroo camp and cattle trail, his desk a creaking saddle, and his campus the limitless stretch of sage and pine; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Forty-first Session of the Legislature of the State of Nevada, That a resolution memorializing Judge Ducker be made a part of the official records of this session; that the Secretary of State of the State of Nevada deliver a certified copy hereof to be made a part of the minutes and records of the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada; that certified copies hereof be delivered to the Lieutenant Governor, as President of the Senate, and to the Speaker of the Assembly, who shall thereupon appoint a committee from the Senate and

Assembly to wait upon Judge Ducker and to deliver to him a true copy hereof under the seal of the Secretary of State.

VAIL PITTMAN,
President of the Senate.

DENVER DICKERSON,
Speaker of the Assembly.

FLORENCE BUCKINGHAM,

E. C. MULCAHY,

Secretary of the Senate. Chief Clerk of the Assembly.

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Attest: MALCOLM MCEACHIN, *Secretary of State.*