

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 56—ASSEMBLYMEN DINI, ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY, BACHE, BEERS, BERMAN, BROWER, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CEGAVSKE, CHOWNING, CLABORN, COLLINS, DE BRAGA, EVANS, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOLDWATER, GUSTAVSON, HETTRICK, HUMKE, KOIVISTO, LEE, LESLIE, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, NEIGHBORS, NOLAN, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PERKINS, PRICE, SEGERBLOM, THOMAS, TIFFANY, VON TOBEL AND WILLIAMS

APRIL 30, 1999

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, JACOBSEN, JAMES, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NEAL, O'CONNELL, O'DONNELL, PORTER, RAGGIO, RAWSON, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Commemorates 150th anniversary of first discovery of gold in Nevada and proclaims July 17 and 18, 1999, Nevada Gold Sesquicentennial Celebration. (BDR R-1384)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commemorating the 150th anniversary of the first discovery of gold in Nevada and proclaiming July 17 and 18, 1999, as the Nevada Gold Sesquicentennial Celebration.

- 1 WHEREAS, The chance discovery of a few shiny metal flakes on a warm
- 2 summer's day in July of the year 1849, at the mouth of a remote canyon in
- 3 what is present-day Nevada, played a significant role in changing the
- 4 course of the history of the American West, founded the mining industries
- 5 of Nevada and contributed the economic impetus that spurred the formation
- 6 of the State of Nevada; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The site of that discovery of placer gold is the site of the
- 8 present-day Town of Dayton, County of Lyon, the first permanent non

1 Indian settlement in Nevada, the linear successor to Hall's Station,
2 McMarlin's Station, Chinatown, Mineral Rapids and Nevada City; and

3 WHEREAS, The Town of Dayton was the original seat of the County of
4 Lyon from 1861 to 1911; and

5 WHEREAS, The discovery of placer gold nuggets and the subsequent
6 exploration of the arroyo now known as Gold Canyon led prospectors to
7 the location of the hard-rock claim called, thereafter, the Comstock Lode;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Wealth recovered from the aforesaid Comstock Lode helped
10 support the efforts of the Union in the War Between the States; and

11 WHEREAS, The many technical and engineering advances of the
12 Comstock era and the wealth recovered from the Comstock Lode forever
13 changed the course of the mining industry world-wide, and the expansion
14 and settlement of the western United States; and

15 WHEREAS, The 150th Anniversary of the first discovery of gold in
16 Nevada has come to hand and the residents of the Town of Dayton have
17 come forth to petition recognition of this momentous event and invite all to
18 participate in a grand celebration; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
20 CONCURRING, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada
21 Legislature do hereby declare that in the County of Lyon, State of Nevada,
22 United States of America, the 17th and 18th days of the month of July in
23 the year 1999 are officially proclaimed as the Nevada Gold
24 Sesquicentennial Celebration; and be it further

25 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a
26 copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the Lyon County Commission,
27 the Chairman of the Nevada Gold Sesquicentennial Committee and the
28 President of the Dayton Historic Society.