

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 20—Senators Raggio, Amodei, Care, Carlton, Coffin, Jacobsen, James, Mathews, McGinness, Neal, O’Connell, O’Donnell, Porter, Rawson, Rhoads, Schneider, Shaffer, Titus, Townsend, Washington and Wiener

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the American Legion and designating March 13 through March 19, 1999, as American Legion Week in Nevada.

WHEREAS, The American Legion, an organization of wartime veterans united by a common bond of continued service to God and country, was founded in 1919, shortly after the end of World War I; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion was instrumental in convening the first National Flag Conference in 1923 where representatives from various patriotic organizations drafted the *U.S. Flag Code*, a set of guidelines for civilian flag courtesy, later adopted by Congress in 1942; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion is a national organization comprised of nearly 3 million men and women who have served their country with honor during one of the wars of the 20th century; and

WHEREAS, In Nevada, the American Legion presently has more than 9,000 members; and

WHEREAS, By giving meaningful service in conjunction with the theme “Still Serving America,” Legionnaires have made significant contributions to American thought and deed; and

WHEREAS, Endeavors of the American Legion, which strengthen our freedom and perpetuate our free institutions, characterize this gigantic fraternity of service as one of the great bulwarks of the American way of life; and

WHEREAS, One of the strongest beliefs of the American Legion is that education is the first requisite of good citizenship and the cornerstone upon which rests the future of this nation; and

WHEREAS, Because of this belief, the American Legion founded National Education Week in 1921 and for the last 50 years has published the leading sourcebook for scholarships and financial aid entitled “Need A Lift?”; and

WHEREAS, To further assist young men and women in continuing their education beyond high school, local American Legion Posts gave more than \$3.6 million in scholarships during 1995-96; and

WHEREAS, The American Legion has achieved its position of high esteem through programs of service to communities, states and our nation, including sponsorship of Nevada Boys' State, scouting troops and high school oratorical contests, as well as many programs of service to veterans; and

WHEREAS, Such programs have become an integral part of the lives of the youth and veterans in Nevada; and

WHEREAS, This year the American Legion will observe the 80th anniversary of its founding from March 15 through March 17, 1999; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada Legislature do hereby commemorate the American Legion on its 80th anniversary as a national and state organization and designate the week of March 13 through March 19, 1999, as American Legion Week in Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the American Legion is hereby commended for its support and efforts on behalf of the youth and veterans nationally and in Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Pat Burch, Commander of the Department of Nevada of the American Legion and Harold L. "Butch" Miller, National Commander of The American Legion.