

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 24—Senators Rawson, Amodei, Care, Carlton, Coffin, Jacobsen, James, Mathews, McGinness, Neal, O’Connell, O’Donnell, Porter, Raggio, Rhoads, Schneider, Shaffer, Titus, Townsend, Washington and Wiener

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Honoring Chinese journalist Gao Yu.

WHEREAS, Gao Yu, a well-known Chinese journalist, was one of the first intellectuals to support students at Tiananmen Square in China; and

WHEREAS, In 1989, Gao Yu was involved in mediation between students and the authorities in China during the pro-democracy movement in Tiananmen Square and was one of the first intellectuals to be detained; and

WHEREAS, In October, 1993, Gao Yu was apprehended by the Beijing State Security 2 days before she was due to leave China for a fellowship at Columbia University in New York; and

WHEREAS, This outstanding 52-year-old woman was not allowed to have representation by her attorneys, her husband was not notified of her apprehension and the verdict of spying and illegally providing state secrets in articles for a Hong Kong magazine which was entered in November 1994, caused her to receive a sentence of 6 years in prison; and

WHEREAS, While the information reportedly obtained by Gao Yu may have been confidential, there is no indication or evidence in the court verdict that it concerned matters of national security; and

WHEREAS, In her appeal to the Beijing Higher People’s Court, Gao Yu maintained that her detention and trial were political and stated that the contents of the documents which she was accused of leaking did not contain state secrets; and

WHEREAS, During this period in detention, Gao Yu is reported to have developed heart and kidney conditions, from which she is said to be still suffering; and

WHEREAS, Because of Gao Yu’s serious medical conditions, she was recently released from prison, but continues to be on parole; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada Legislature do hereby honor Gao Yu for her courage and determination to fight for the ideals of democracy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Las Vegas entertainers Malu-Lani and Maka-Koa are hereby commended for their support of Gao Yu which they continue to demonstrate by dedicating one song to Gao Yu at most of their performances; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Malu-Lani and Maka-Koa.