

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33—SENATORS PORTER, AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, JACOBSEN, JAMES, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NEAL, O’CONNELL, O’DONNELL, RAGGIO, RAWSON, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

APRIL 22, 1999

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes accomplished athlete and dedicated public servant, Sheila Renee Tarr-Smith. (BDR R-1708)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing accomplished athlete and dedicated public servant, Sheila Renee Tarr-Smith.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of this legislative body were deeply saddened
- 2 by the untimely passing on August 15, 1998, of Sheila Renee Tarr-Smith,
- 3 an accomplished athlete and dedicated public servant; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Sheila Renee Tarr was born on June 14, 1964, in
- 5 Bakersfield, California, to proud parents, Gerald and Linda Tarr; and
- 6 WHEREAS, In 1984, Sheila was recruited by and subsequently attended
- 7 the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, on an athletic scholarship for
- 8 women’s track and field events; and
- 9 WHEREAS, In 1984, Sheila was named the conference champion of the
- 10 Pacific Coast Athletic Association for the heptathlon and was selected as an
- 11 alternate to the United States Olympic Team; and

1 WHEREAS, That same year, Sheila was the National Collegiate Athletic
2 Association's champion in the heptathlon, a seven-event competition that
3 includes the 100-meter hurdles, long jump, high jump, shot put, 200-meter
4 dash, 800-meter run and javelin; and

5 WHEREAS, This collegiate championship was the first ever won by any
6 athlete from the State of Nevada; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1985, Sheila was selected athlete of the year by the Pacific
8 Coast Athletic Association for the second consecutive year and was runner-
9 up in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's heptathlon; and

10 WHEREAS, Sheila Renee Tarr-Smith was employed by the Clark County
11 Fire Department in 1989 and was one of the first professional women
12 firefighters in the State of Nevada, dedicating herself to the service and
13 safety of the residents of Southern Nevada while helping to pave the way
14 for women to work in nontraditional fields of employment; and

15 WHEREAS, Sheila Renee Tarr-Smith was recognized for her outstanding
16 athletic abilities in 1997 when she was inducted into both the Athletic Hall
17 of Fame of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the Southern Nevada
18 Athletic Hall of Fame; and

19 WHEREAS, In September 1997, Sheila was diagnosed with chronic
20 inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy; and

21 WHEREAS, The following year on May 8, 1998, Sheila married Steve
22 Smith of Las Vegas, but tragically, only 3 months later, succumbed to this
23 fatal disease at the young age of 34 years; and

24 WHEREAS, On April 3, 1999, the athletic track and field facilities of the
25 University of Nevada, Las Vegas, will be named the Myron Partridge Track
26 and Sheila Tarr-Smith Field in memory of the accomplishments of Sheila
27 Renee Tarr-Smith in track and field events; and

28 WHEREAS, The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, currently awards a
29 scholarship in Sheila's name to upcoming athletes who have excelled in
30 track and field events; now, therefore, be it

31 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
32 CONCURRING, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada
33 Legislature offer their sincere condolences to the family and friends of
34 Sheila Renee Tarr-Smith; and be it further

35 RESOLVED, That Sheila Renee Tarr-Smith will long be remembered for
36 her outstanding contributions as a person, her dedication to helping others
37 as a public servant and the tremendous accomplishments she attained on the
38 athletic field during her lifetime; and be it further

39 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy
40 of this resolution to Sheila Renee Tarr-Smith's loving parents, Gerald and
41 Linda Tarr, and husband, Steve Smith.