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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing the 100th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

WHEREAS, The United States of America, born in the fires of a revolution and tempered by civil wars and foreign conflicts, today embodies the highest ideals of freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, For over 200 years, millions of Americans have answered our nation’s call to defend our freedoms and our democratic form of government against all enemies; and

WHEREAS, Such service has required sacrifice, hardship, endurance, dedication, bravery, courage and the highest level of patriotism, and those who have served our country deserve special attention; and

WHEREAS, In 1899, the veterans of the Spanish-American War and the Philippine Insurrection founded local organizations to secure the rights and benefits afforded to all veterans for their service to this country; and

WHEREAS, These local organizations merged, creating the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, commonly known as VFW, and the Ladies Auxiliary to the VFW; and

WHEREAS, Today there are more than 10,000 VFW Posts worldwide with over two million members whose motto is, “We’d do anything for this country”; and

WHEREAS, The VFW assists veterans and their families by providing information concerning federal, state and local government programs, fighting for job rights, educational benefits and improved medical care, and through such programs as the VFW Citizenship Education program, the VFW National Security and Foreign Affairs program and the VFW National Home for Veterans’ Children; and

WHEREAS, The VFW’s commitment to youth is evidenced through its support of various youth organizations and its Voice of Democracy Scholarship program which annually provides over \$2 million in scholarships to high school students; and

WHEREAS, The VFW provides veterans and their families the opportunity to take part in building a better America through such

community service projects as fund raisers for the sick and homeless, carnivals for children, disaster relief, support for local schools, erecting military memorials, placing flags on veterans' graves, volunteering in veterans' hospitals and caring for the elderly, to name a few; and

WHEREAS, For 100 years, the VFW has continued to grow in strength, power and influence, and today ranks as the 16th most powerful membership organization in the country in getting things done for its members and for the nation, a distinction which also identifies the VFW as being the nation's leading organization for its veterans; 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 hereby recognize the 100th anniversary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the men and women who paid for the freedom all of us enjoy today are commended for their service, dedication and commitment to this country and their fellow man; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the schools, businesses, churches, civic organizations and residents of the State of Nevada are hereby urged to proudly display the flag of the United States of America and to participate in programs honoring the Veterans of Foreign Wars and all 26 million veterans of the United States military; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the VFW State Commander.

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