

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 14—Assemblymen Price, Anderson, Angle, Arberry, Bache, Beers, Berman, Brower, Brown, Buckley, Carpenter, Cegavske, Chowning, Claborn, Collins, de Braga, Dini, Freeman, Gibbons, Giunchigliani, Goldwater, Gustavson, Hettrick, Humke, Koivisto, Lee, Leslie, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, Mortenson, Neighbors, Nolan, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Perkins, Smith, Tiffany, Von Tobel and Williams

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commending all Nevada firefighters who fought the wildland fires in Nevada and other western states during the 2000 fire season.

WHEREAS, With weather conditions throughout the 2000 fire season both hotter and drier than normal, causing fuels such as grasses, leaves and pine needles to be extremely flammable, Nevada and other western states suffered great losses because of wildland fires; and

WHEREAS, The normal weather pattern was affected by La Niña, leaving in her wake the potential for a devastating fire season, with high winds and lightning adding fuel to the already hazardous fire conditions; and

WHEREAS, In the 2000 fire season, Nevada had over 1,000 fires that burned 635,715 acres of land, with over 7 million acres burned nationwide, almost double the 10-year average, causing some to declare that fire season one of the most severe in the nation's history; and

WHEREAS, The ruthless wildland fires had a critical impact on the residents of our state, with the lives of many people endangered and their homes destroyed, the destruction of forests and vegetation, and the devastation of wildlife and their habitats; and

WHEREAS, With many of the western states burning at the same time, these ferocious fires were contained through the heroic efforts of our firefighters, struggling to control existing fires while new ones were reported every day; and

WHEREAS, With temperatures sometimes nearing 100 degrees and erratic winds increasing the danger of fighting the fires, the courageous firefighters worked to stop the spread of the fires; and

WHEREAS, Under the most difficult conditions, with manpower, aircraft, supplies, equipment and other resources spread very thin, our firefighters managed to quell the fires after a long, exhausting fight; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That it is important to recognize the firefighters from the Nevada Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, State Fire Marshal Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service and Forest Service, as well as the professional firefighters from various other

local, state and federal agencies and the countless volunteers, who joined together to fight these fires; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the residents of the State of Nevada will be forever grateful to all the brave men and women who put their lives on the line in the most difficult of circumstances, working in unison with firefighters from other states and nations to contain the fires in all the western states; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the chief officers of the Nevada Division of Forestry of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, State Fire Marshal Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service and Forest Service.