

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 25—ASSEMBLYMEN DE BRAGA, ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY, BACHE, BEERS, BERMAN, BROWER, BROWN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CEGAVSKE, CHOWNING, CLABORN, COLLINS, DINI, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOLDWATER, GUSTAVSON, HETTRICK, HUMKE, KOIVISTO, LEE, LESLIE, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, NEIGHBORS, NOLAN, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PERKINS, PRICE, SMITH, TIFFANY, VON TOBEL AND WILLIAMS

APRIL 19, 2001

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes former Assemblyman and philanthropist Harold E. Fitz. (BDR R-1498)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing former Assemblyman and philanthropist Harold E. Fitz.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the 71st session of the Nevada Legislature
- 2 join the residents of Churchill County and many others in remembering the
- 3 life and mourning the loss of former Assemblyman Harold E. Fitz; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Harold E. Fitz was born on August 7, 1902, in DeWitt,
- 5 Michigan, to Victor and Lydia Fitz, and was just 2 years of age when his
- 6 parents homesteaded in Stillwater, Nevada; and
- 7 WHEREAS, After graduating from Stillwater School, Harold Fitz worked
- 8 on his family's farm and in the Virginia City and Silver City mines before
- 9 leaving for Los Angeles to work for the city's survey division; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Harold Fitz attended night school to become a registered
- 11 surveyor and used that knowledge in the years following as a foreman for
- 12 the Civilian Conservation Corps, as a surveyor for the Navy at the Naval
- 13 Auxiliary Air Station Fallon and the Hawthorne Naval Ammunition Depot,
- 14 and in his job with the Andy Drumm Construction Company; and



1 WHEREAS, On September 18, 1928, Harold Fitz married Catherine
2 Amelia Lerch, whom he called "my little Susie," which was subsequently
3 shortened to "Suse," and who would be his loving companion for the next
4 72 years; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1929, Harold and Catherine Fitz purchased a wheat farm
6 near his family homestead and, in the 1940s, bought several other ranches
7 in Churchill County; and

8 WHEREAS, Harold and Catherine Fitz were generous philanthropists
9 who created perpetual scholarships at the University of Nevada, Reno, and
10 Western Nevada Community College and gave to various organizations
11 and causes including the Shriners Hospital in Sacramento, the Churchill
12 County Museum, the Alzheimer research program at the University of
13 Nevada, Reno, and four Scottish Rite Childhood Language Disorders
14 Clinics in Northern Nevada; and

15 WHEREAS, Always looking for ways to help the hard-working farmers
16 of the area, Harold Fitz was a leader in the local soil conservation program
17 and the Stillwater Farm Bureau and was instrumental in the purchase of
18 large farm equipment from the Federal Government that could be used by
19 participants of the soil conservation program; and

20 WHEREAS, Harold Fitz found many ways to be involved with his
21 community, which included being a Master Mason for 72 years, a member
22 of the Scottish Rite Masonic Order for 50 years, a member of the Kerak
23 Shrine and Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee of Churchill
24 County; and

25 WHEREAS, In 1958, Harold Fitz was appointed to fill a vacancy in the
26 Assembly for the special session held that year and was elected to serve
27 another term in 1959, and during these years his expertise was valuable on
28 several committees including Agriculture and Irrigation, State Libraries,
29 Livestock, Military and Indian Affairs, and Ways and Means; and

30 WHEREAS, A man of many talents and interests, Harold Fitz enjoyed
31 traveling, reading, fishing and hunting and was a championship marksman
32 with the Nevada State Rifle Team; and

33 WHEREAS, In 1998, Harold and Catherine Fitz were presented with
34 honorary associate degrees by Western Nevada Community College to
35 acknowledge their contributions to higher education in Nevada; and

36 WHEREAS, Harold Fitz's keen mind, generous spirit and zest for life
37 will live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him, especially his
38 wife, Catherine "Suse," of Fallon, his son, Robert, and daughter, Ruth
39 Pintar, both of Carson City, his brother, George of Yerington, and his 6
40 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

41 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
42 CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature extends its deepest sympathy
43 to the family and friends of Harold Fitz; and be it further

44 RESOLVED, That the gazebo erected by Harold and Catherine Fitz in
45 Laura Mills Park in Fallon will be a reminder of the generosity of a man
46 whose desire to help others found expression in numerous ways throughout
47 his life; and be it further



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1 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit
2 a copy of this resolution to his wife of 72 years, Catherine “Suse” Fitz.

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