

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, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Perkins, Price, Smith, Tiffany, Von Tobel and Williams

Joint Sponsors: Senators McGinness, Amodei, Care, Carlton, Coffin, Jacobsen, James, Mathews, Neal, O'Connell, O'Donnell, Porter, Raggio, Rawson, Rhoads, Schneider, Shaffer, Titus, Townsend, Washington and Wiener

FILE NUMBER.....

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

WHEREAS, The members of the 71st session of the Nevada Legislature join the residents of Churchill County and many others in remembering the life and mourning the loss of former Assemblyman Harold E. Fitz; and

WHEREAS, Harold E. Fitz was born on August 7, 1902, in DeWitt, Michigan, to Victor and Lydia Fitz, and was just 2 years of age when his parents homesteaded in Stillwater, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, After graduating from Stillwater School, Harold Fitz worked on his family's farm and in the Virginia City and Silver City mines before leaving for Los Angeles to work for the city's survey division; and

WHEREAS, Harold Fitz attended night school to become a registered surveyor and used that knowledge in the years following as a foreman for the Civilian Conservation Corps, as a surveyor for the Navy at the Naval Auxiliary Air Station Fallon and the Hawthorne Naval Ammunition Depot, and in his job with the Andy Drumm Construction Company; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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