

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 26—ASSEMBLYMEN
OHRENSCHALL, 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, OCEGUERA, PARKS, PARNELL,
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APRIL 19, 2001

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SHAFFER, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Commends musical group R.E.M. for encouraging prevention of teen suicide
in one of their songs. (BDR R-106)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commending the musical group R.E.M. for
encouraging the prevention of teen suicide in one of their songs.

- 1 WHEREAS, Suicide is the eighth leading cause of death in the United
- 2 States and the third leading cause of death among teenagers 15 to 19 years
- 3 of age; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The national suicide rate has more than tripled in the last
- 5 four decades, a tragedy in itself and a source of devastation to millions of
- 6 family members and loved ones; and
- 7 WHEREAS, The alarming prevalence of suicide in the United States has
- 8 even caused the Surgeon General in 1999 to publicly recognize suicide as a
- 9 public health problem; and
- 10 WHEREAS, According to the National Center for Health Statistics,
- 11 Nevada has the highest rate of suicide per capita in this country; and
- 12 WHEREAS, In 1999, 20 percent of high school students reported having
- 13 seriously considered or having attempted suicide during the previous 12
- 14 months, and 8 percent of those who seriously considered suicide actually
- 15 attempted suicide; and



1 WHEREAS, Teen suicide is one of the most disruptive and tragic events a
2 community can experience as it mourns society's loss of the unique
3 contribution that could have been made by that particular person; and

4 WHEREAS, The greatest tragedy is that research shows us that 95
5 percent of all teen suicides are preventable; and

6 WHEREAS, It is morally imperative that the residents of this state do all
7 that is possible to aid in the prevention of teen suicide and assist depressed
8 or despondent youth to gain a healthy perspective of their problems; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1992, the musical group R.E.M. produced a song,
10 "Everybody Hurts," to make others aware that everybody feels pain and
11 gets depressed, but that a person can get through the pain and depression
12 without resorting to suicide and

13 WHEREAS, R.E.M. used the medium of rock and roll music to reach out
14 to troubled teenagers worldwide in a positive and effective way with the
15 message "hold on"; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
17 CONCURRING, That the musical group R.E.M. is hereby commended for
18 addressing this issue directly and for effectively suggesting a different
19 perspective to persons who are contemplating suicide; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the residents of the State of Nevada take notice of the
21 alarming prevalence of teen suicide in the State of Nevada and do all they
22 can to help others hold on to life; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit
24 a copy of this resolution to the musical group R.E.M.

