

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 34—ASSEMBLYMEN PERKINS, 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, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PRICE, SMITH, TIFFANY, VON TOBEL AND WILLIAMS

MAY 16, 2001

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS RAGGIO, AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, JACOBSEN, JAMES, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NEAL, O'CONNELL, O'DONNELL, PORTER, RAWSON, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Recognizes May 16, 2001, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in Nevada. (BDR R-1535)

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

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- 1 WHEREAS, Of all the promises America offers, none is more precious or
- 2 more elusive than the right to be free from crime and violence; and
- 3 WHEREAS, The dedicated men and women who have chosen law
- 4 enforcement as a career face extraordinary risk and danger in preserving
- 5 our freedom and security; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Seeing a need to honor those who died trying to make a safer
- 7 life for American citizens, on October 1, 1962, President John F. Kennedy
- 8 signed Public Law 87-726 designating National Police Week and
- 9 National Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and
- 10 WHEREAS, In 1994, the United States Congress and President
- 11 William J. Clinton approved Public Law 103-322 directing that the flag of
- 12 the United States be displayed at half-staff on all government buildings on
- 13 May 15 each year as a special tribute to the brave men and women who
- 14 died upholding our laws and preserving public safety; and



1 WHEREAS, This year marks the 13th annual candlelight vigil held at the  
2 National Law Enforcement Officers' Memorial in Washington, D.C.,  
3 where, each year since 1982, thousands gather to salute all of America's  
4 law enforcement heroes, both past and present; and

5 WHEREAS, During the week of May 13 through May 19, 2001, National  
6 Police Week will be observed throughout the nation to increase public  
7 awareness of the duties, responsibilities, hazards and sacrifices of our  
8 nation's peace officers and to provide the opportunity to appreciate the  
9 heroic men and women who have dedicated their lives to preserving public  
10 safety; and

11 WHEREAS, As part of the observance of National Police Week, May 16,  
12 2001, has been designated as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in Nevada to  
13 commemorate those noble officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in  
14 service to their community; and

15 WHEREAS, The tragic loss felt when a peace officer is killed in the line  
16 of duty is expressed in these poignant words from a poem by Harry Koch:

17 Yes, somebody killed a policeman today,  
18 It happened in your town or mine.  
19 While we slept in comfort behind our locked doors,  
20 A cop put his life on the line.  
21 Now, his ghost walks a beat on a dark city street,  
22 And he stands at each new rookie's side.  
23 He answered the call and gave us his all,  
24 And a part of America died.  
25 Now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE  
27 CONCURRING, That the members of the 71st session of the Nevada  
28 Legislature do hereby recognize May 16, 2001, as Peace Officers'  
29 Memorial Day in the State of Nevada; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That during the week of May 13 through May 19, 2001, all  
31 residents of this state are urged to attend the ceremonies honoring those  
32 persons who gave their lives while preserving our safety, and are  
33 encouraged to express appreciation to those who continue to face death  
34 every day in their dedication to making Nevada a safer place in which to  
35 live.

