

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

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

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing May 16, 2001, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day in Nevada.

WHEREAS, Of all the promises America offers, none is more precious or more elusive than the right to be free from crime and violence; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated men and women who have chosen law enforcement as a career face extraordinary risk and danger in preserving our freedom and security; and

WHEREAS, Seeing a need to honor those who died trying to make a safer life for American citizens, on October 1, 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 designating National Police Week and National Peace Officers' Memorial Day; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, the United States Congress and President William J. Clinton approved Public Law 103-322 directing that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff on all government buildings on May 15 each year as a special tribute to the brave men and women who died upholding our laws and preserving public safety; and

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

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

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

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

Yes, somebody killed a policeman today,  
It happened in your town or mine.  
While we slept in comfort behind our locked doors,  
A cop put his life on the line.

Now, his ghost walks a beat on a dark city street,  
And he stands at each new rookie's side.  
He answered the call and gave us his all,  
And a part of America died.  
Now, therefore, be it

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

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