

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 33—SENATORS CARLTON, AMODEI,
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APRIL 17, 2001

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GOLDWATER, GUSTAVSON, HETTRICK, HUMKE, KOIVISTO, LEE,
LESLIE, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON,
NEIGHBORS, NOLAN, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS,
PARNELL, PRICE, SMITH, TIFFANY, VON TOBEL AND WILLIAMS

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Commends Trauma Intervention Programs Inc. on its service to community.
(BDR R-1239)

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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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Inc. on its service to the community.

1 WHEREAS, Following a crisis event, the persons involved are often
2 emotionally traumatized, confused and in shock, and are not prepared to
3 deal with the situation; and

4 WHEREAS, In many cases, those persons have no one to assist them with
5 getting the necessary care and support they need and, if left to fend for
6 themselves, may suffer lifelong emotional scars; and

7 WHEREAS, Trauma Intervention Programs Inc. (“TIP”) is a national
8 nonprofit organization founded in 1985 and is dedicated to providing
9 compassionate care in emergency situations by making available
10 immediate support to those persons emotionally traumatized by a crisis;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, This mission is being accomplished through community
13 volunteers who are trained to provide assistance to persons in crisis when



1 requested by hospital personnel, police officers, firefighters and
2 paramedics; and

3 WHEREAS, TIP, whose motto is "citizens helping citizens in crisis," is
4 the largest operator of emergency services volunteer programs in the nation
5 and was a 1991 recipient of the Innovations in State and Local Government
6 Award from the Ford Foundation and the John F. Kennedy School of
7 Government at Harvard University, an award widely considered to be the
8 most prestigious award given to nonprofit organizations and public
9 agencies; and

10 WHEREAS, In the year 2000, Attorney General Janet Reno presented
11 TIP with the highest federal honor for victim advocacy, the Crime Victim
12 Service Award, which honors individuals and organizations whose work on
13 behalf of crime victims is characterized by exceptional commitment and
14 effectiveness; and

15 WHEREAS, TIP has 18 regional chapters that serve over 75 cities, 100
16 hospitals, 67 police departments and 55 fire departments, with volunteers
17 available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; and

18 WHEREAS, TIP of Southern Nevada was organized in 1994 with
19 approximately 20 volunteers who responded to about 30 calls per month;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, By the end of 2000, TIP of Southern Nevada had grown to
22 50 volunteers who responded to approximately 125 calls per month from
23 area police departments, fire departments, hospitals and the Clark County
24 Coroner's Office; and

25 WHEREAS, TIP volunteers may offer assistance to victims of crime, fire
26 or vehicle accidents, seniors needing assistance, family members following
27 a death or suicide, and persons in other crisis situations by providing
28 emotional support or referrals to appropriate agencies for ongoing
29 assistance, notifying family or friends of the emergency, arranging for
30 shelter, food, clothing and transportation, or serving as a liaison between
31 the victims and emergency services; and

32 WHEREAS, Some of the services offered by TIP are the TIP4kids
33 Program which helps children who have been emotionally traumatized, the
34 TIPTeens Program which involves young people as active volunteers in
35 TIP, TravelersCare which enhances the capacity of the travel industry to
36 support travelers who have been affected by crisis events, and the Senior
37 Crisis Team which provides support to seniors who may be in crisis or who
38 may feel isolated or disoriented and need follow-up care; and

39 WHEREAS, Funding for these services is provided by the Las Vegas Fire
40 Department, the Henderson Police and Fire Departments, the Clark County
41 Fire Department and Boulder City, as well as various fundraising efforts of
42 the local TIP volunteers and grateful clients; and

43 WHEREAS, TIP volunteers are lay persons who have a desire and
44 willingness to give back to their community and to give of their time by
45 completing a 55-hour training course and attending a mandatory 3-hour
46 continuing education meeting each month, as well as by making
47 themselves available for emergency calls; and

48 WHEREAS, TIP volunteers have proven themselves invaluable to
49 emergency personnel by assisting them at the scene with specific tasks or



1 by calming victims and their families, allowing the emergency personnel to
2 use their time more effectively to take care of the situation at hand and to
3 get back into service sooner; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
5 CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature commends Trauma
6 Intervention Programs Inc., TIP of Southern Nevada and the volunteers
7 who provide crisis services to people in adverse and sometimes tragic
8 situations; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy
10 of this resolution to Marian Thomas, Crisis Team Manager of TIP of
11 Southern Nevada.

