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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commending Trauma Intervention Programs Inc. on its service to the community.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, This mission is being accomplished through community volunteers who are trained to provide assistance to persons in crisis when requested by hospital personnel, police officers, firefighters and paramedics; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, TIP volunteers have proven themselves invaluable to emergency personnel by assisting them at the scene with specific tasks or by calming victims and their families, allowing the emergency personnel to use their time more effectively to take care of the situation at hand and to get back into service sooner; now, therefore, be it

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

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