

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 12—Assemblymen Anderson, Andonov, Angle, Arberry, Atkinson, Beers, Brown, Buckley, Carpenter, Chowning, Christensen, Claborn, Collins, Conklin, Geddes, Gibbons, Giunchigliani, Goicoechea, Goldwater, Grady, Griffin, Gustavson, Hardy, Hettrick, Horne, Knecht, Koivisto, Leslie, Mabey, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, McCleary, Mortenson, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Perkins, Pierce, Sherer, Weber and Williams

Joint Sponsors: Senators Raggio, Amodei, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Hardy, Mathews, McGinness, Neal, Nolan, O’Connell, Rawson, Rhoads, Schneider, Shaffer, Tiffany, Titus, Townsend, Washington and Wiener

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing former Assemblyman and public servant Carl Shelly.

WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature note with sadness the passing of Carl Shelly on May 25, 2002, and recall that he was the last surviving member of any Legislature that convened during the 1930s and 1940s; and

WHEREAS, Carl B. Shelly, the son of Brady Michael and Marie Bunda Shelly, was born in Truckee, California, on March 16, 1905, and moved to Sparks with his family that same year, which, coincidentally, was the year the City of Sparks was incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Carl Shelly attended school in Sparks, delivered newspapers by horse and buggy, graduated from Sparks High School where he played on that school’s very first football team and was attending the University of Nevada, Reno, when he met and married Barbara Bulmer in 1926; and

WHEREAS, At the age of 28, Carl Shelly was elected to the Sparks City Council, and in 1934 he was elected to represent Washoe County as an Assemblyman, a position he retained for three sessions of the Nevada Legislature from 1935 through 1939, during which he was appointed to many committees, including the Committee on Corporations and Railroads for all three sessions and the Committee on Education for two sessions; and

WHEREAS, After leaving the Assembly, Carl Shelly continued to work for his community during his five terms as a Washoe County Commissioner and as Chairman of the Civil Defense Organization for Washoe County during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Carl Shelly was active in the National Association of County Officials, served as President of the Nevada State Welfare Board and, in 1954, was appointed by President Eisenhower to the

United States Advisory Commission to UNESCO, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization; and

WHEREAS, Carl Shelly's involvement in the business community included owning and publishing the Sparks Tribune with his wife, Barbara, from 1950 until 1960, operating the Sparks Fuel Company for many years with his father and brother, founding the Modern Home Mart and owning the Shelly Hardware Stores in Reno and Sparks; and

WHEREAS, Nonprofit organizations also knew the zeal of Carl Shelly who was a charter member of the Sparks Rotary and was honored by the Sparks Masonic Lodge for his membership which spanned 75 years; and

WHEREAS, Carl Shelly's foremost volunteer passion was the preservation of the history of "The Rail City" through his support of the Sparks Heritage Museum which he helped found in 1985 and which now proudly displays an outstanding collection of wood carvings created by Carl in his later years; and

WHEREAS, Carl Shelly's knowledge of the history of Sparks was a tremendous resource and he often spoke to classes at area schools who heard him declare with pride that he and the City of Sparks were the same age; and

WHEREAS, Carl Shelly, whose wife, Barbara, predeceased him, is survived by his children, Alice Schafer and Bruce Shelly, five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 72nd Session of the Nevada Legislature extend their sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Carl B. Shelly; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Sparks Heritage Museum will stand as a reminder of the enthusiasm of Carl Shelly who was instrumental in preserving the history of his city; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the example of Carl Shelly's service to the political and economic welfare of his community will encourage the residents of Nevada to share their interests and talents for the good of this state; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Carl Shelly's children, Alice Schafer and Bruce Shelly.