

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22—COMMITTEE
ON TRANSPORTATION

MAY 6, 2003

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Commends Highway Watch program and planned participation of Nevada Motor Transport Association. (BDR R-1169)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commending the Highway Watch program and the planned participation of the Nevada Motor Transport Association in this nationwide effort to improve the safety and security of America's highways.

1 WHEREAS, Trucking is a large and diverse industry with more
2 than 3 million drivers who are a potential army of eyes and ears to
3 monitor for security threats and highway dangers; and

4 WHEREAS, There has been a sharp increase in traffic congestion,
5 crime and road rage that make our nation's highways more
6 treacherous and make providing assistance to those in need more
7 challenging than ever before in our history; and

8 WHEREAS, There are more than 83,000 wireless calls from
9 motorists to emergency centers each day, but many callers do not
10 know their location, particularly at night or during the emotional
11 strain of an emergency situation, and there are more than 41,000
12 traffic fatalities each year with approximately half of these deaths
13 occurring before victims reach medical care facilities; and

14 WHEREAS, Highway Watch, which began in Colorado in
15 November 1998, strives to reduce the number of highway accidents,
16 serious injuries and deaths through the identification of unsafe
17 drivers, drunken driving, poor road or weather conditions, poor
18 highway or construction zone signage, and motorists displaying road
19 rage; and



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1 WHEREAS, Highway Watch is a volunteer effort of dedicated
2 professional truck drivers who are committed to guarding the
3 welfare of the motoring public and strengthening the security of the
4 United States in these uncertain times; and

5 WHEREAS, Through the Highway Watch program, an elite group
6 of professional truck drivers are specially trained to use their
7 wireless location and communication technology to report accidents,
8 breakdowns, hazardous conditions and other highway dangers to an
9 operator who takes the report from the driver and contacts the
10 proper authorities as determined by each individual state; and

11 WHEREAS, The American Trucking Associations, in partnership
12 with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration of the United
13 States Department of Transportation, administers Highway Watch
14 by providing grant money to participating states; and

15 WHEREAS, The American Trucking Associations reports that
16 Highway Watch is formed through a network of partnerships,
17 including the trucking industry, law enforcement agencies, and state
18 and federal departments of transportation; and

19 WHEREAS, The state trucking associations are the heart of the
20 Highway Watch program which is currently operating in Alabama,
21 Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland,
22 Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma,
23 Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington, West
24 Virginia and Wisconsin; and

25 WHEREAS, The Nevada Motor Transport Association is willing
26 to operate the Highway Watch program within this state and
27 establish the basic operational procedures of the program
28 concerning, without limitation, driver qualification, training format,
29 frequency of training sessions, and recruitment of drivers and safety
30 directors; now, therefore, be it

31 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
32 SENATE CONCURRING, That the American Trucking Associations
33 and the dedicated professional truck drivers participating in
34 Highway Watch are hereby commended for their efforts to improve
35 today's travel environment and to increase the safety and security of
36 the nation's highways; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Motor Transport Association is
38 hereby commended for its commitment to take on the responsibility
39 of coordinating and administering the Highway Watch program in
40 our state; and be it further

41 RESOLVED, That, once it is implemented in Nevada, Highway
42 Watch will make a significant contribution to highway safety and
43 will aid the national effort to monitor potential security concerns;
44 and be it further



- 1 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
- 2 transmit a copy of this resolution to Daryl E. Capurro, Managing
- 3 Director of the Nevada Motor Transport Association.

