

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24—ASSEMBLYMEN
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CONKLIN, DENIS, GANSERT, GERHARDT, GIUNCHIGLIANI,
GOICOECHEA, GRADY, HARDY, HETTRICK, HOGAN,
HOLCOMB, HORNE, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, LESLIE,
MABEY, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MCCLEARY,
MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL,
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APRIL 28, 2005

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TIFFANY, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes lifelong humanitarian Thomas Eugene
Swart. (BDR R-798)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing
lifelong humanitarian Thomas Eugene Swart.

- 1 WHEREAS, Tears of sadness were mingled with warm-hearted
- 2 memories of, and with love and appreciation for, Thomas Eugene
- 3 Swart upon his death on November 10, 2004; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Thomas Swart, a lifelong resident of Nevada, passed
- 5 away in his home at the age of 92; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Tom was born in Sparks on October 29, 1912, to
- 7 Elizabeth and Clarence Swart, and a neighbor from his “growing-up
- 8 years” fondly recalls the neighborhood games played under the
- 9 street lamps during their high school days; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Following his graduation as a “Railroader” from
- 11 Sparks High School in 1930, Tom began working in the shops for



1 the Southern Pacific Railroad and later became a salesman at
2 Harry's Business Machines, where he worked for 5 years selling
3 typewriters and calculators; and

4 WHEREAS, Tom continued his career as a salesman by taking a
5 job with Moore Business Forms, during the course of which he
6 traveled his beloved State for 37 years until his retirement in 1974;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, An untold number of lives were touched and
9 enriched by Tom Swart as he became a pillar of humanitarianism in
10 his community; and

11 WHEREAS, As the youngest Master, Scottish Rite, in the history
12 of DeMolay's Wadsworth Lodge No. 25 Free and Accepted
13 Masons, Tom unselfishly dedicated time to help prepare young men
14 to lead successful, happy and productive lives; and

15 WHEREAS, The years spent serving on the Board of the Shriners
16 Hospital for Children that was located in San Francisco represented
17 another aspect of Tom's benevolent spirit toward others; and

18 WHEREAS, Tom further demonstrated his concern for the
19 betterment of his fellow man through his participation in community
20 service projects and programs with the Reno Kiwanis Club during
21 the years he worked for Moore Business Forms; and

22 WHEREAS, Because of Tom's enthusiasm about the history of
23 the State of Nevada, and Sparks in particular, he was instrumental in
24 the founding of the Sparks Heritage Foundation and Museum, and
25 he spent many years volunteering there; and

26 WHEREAS, The installation of a proper monument at the
27 Masonic Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Reno for former Governor
28 Emmet Boyle, the first Nevada-born Governor, constitutes another
29 community project for which Tom Swart's involvement was critical;
30 and

31 WHEREAS, In addition to the wonderful humanitarian efforts
32 Tom performed for the State of Nevada, his legacy of warmth and
33 friendliness lives through his family and the lives of those to whom
34 he so generously gave; and

35 WHEREAS, Whenever the name of Tom Swart is mentioned,
36 everyone who knew him will recall with great affection his
37 tremendous memory and the engaging stories he loved to tell about
38 his life; and

39 WHEREAS, One story that will probably be repeated often is a
40 tale which proves that his love of life and adventure never grew old,
41 as at the age of 80, Tom decided to ride the Giant Dipper, a
42 monstrous, wooden rollercoaster in Santa Cruz, California, and the
43 ride was great, but the hat was lost; and



1 WHEREAS, Tom was preceded in death by his beloved wife,
2 Freda Fremd Swart of Susanville, California, and a marriage of 54
3 years speaks for his devotion to her and his family; and

4 WHEREAS, The admiration and appreciation for Thomas Swart
5 from his community and the residents of Nevada is superseded only
6 by the love of his family for this caring, giving, supportive husband,
7 father, grandfather and great-grandfather; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
9 SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 73rd Session of the
10 Nevada Legislature do hereby express their admiration and
11 appreciation for the contributions made to the community of Reno-
12 Sparks and to the State of Nevada by Thomas Eugene Swart; and be
13 it further

14 RESOLVED, That each Legislator conveys sincere condolences to
15 the family and friends of this model of the philanthropic spirit; and
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
18 transmit a copy of this resolution to Thomas Swart's daughters,
19 Barbara Courtney of Reno, Nevada, and Diane Johnson of Ashland,
20 Oregon.



