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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing
lifelong humanitarian Thomas Eugene Swart.

WHEREAS, Tears of sadness were mingled with warm-hearted memories of, and with love and appreciation for, Thomas Eugene Swart upon his death on November 10, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Swart, a lifelong resident of Nevada, passed away in his home at the age of 92; and

WHEREAS, Tom was born in Sparks on October 29, 1912, to Elizabeth and Clarence Swart, and a neighbor from his “growing-up years” fondly recalls the neighborhood games played under the street lamps during their high school days; and

WHEREAS, Following his graduation as a “Railroader” from Sparks High School in 1930, Tom began working in the shops for the Southern Pacific Railroad and later became a salesman at Harry’s Business Machines, where he worked for 5 years selling typewriters and calculators; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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