
ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 27—
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MAY 4, 2005

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR RAGGIO

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Recognizes May 4, 2005, as Peace Officers’
Memorial Day and May 15 through 21, 2005, as
Peace Officers’ Memorial Week in Nevada.
(BDR R-1428)

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

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Week in Nevada.

- 1 WHEREAS, Of all the promises America offers, none is more
2 precious or more elusive than the right to be free from crime and
3 violence; and
4 WHEREAS, The dedicated men and women who have chosen law
5 enforcement as a career face extraordinary risk and danger in
6 preserving our freedom and security; and
7 WHEREAS, Seeing a need to honor those who died trying to
8 make a safer life for American citizens, on October 1, 1962,
9 President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 designating
10 National Peace Officers’ Memorial Day and National Police Week;
11 and
12 WHEREAS, In 1994, the United States Congress and President
13 William J. Clinton approved Public Law 103-322 directing that the
14 flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff on all government
15 buildings on May 15 each year as a special tribute to the brave men
16 and women who died upholding our laws and preserving public
17 safety; and



1 WHEREAS, This year marks the 17th annual candlelight vigil
2 held at the site of the National Law Enforcement Officers'
3 Memorial in Washington, D.C., where, since 1989, thousands have
4 gathered to salute all of America's law enforcement heroes, both
5 past and present; and

6 WHEREAS, During the week of May 15 through May 21, 2005,
7 National Police Week will be observed throughout the nation to
8 increase public awareness of the hazardous work, serious
9 responsibilities, strong commitment and sacrifices of our nation's
10 peace officers and to provide the opportunity to appreciate the
11 heroic men and women who have dedicated their lives to preserving
12 public safety; and

13 WHEREAS, In conjunction with this important observance,
14 May 4, 2005, will be observed as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and
15 May 15 through 21, 2005, will be observed as Peace Officers'
16 Memorial Week in Nevada in commemoration of those noble
17 officers who have tragically sacrificed their lives in the line of duty;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, These special observances provide all Nevadans with
20 the opportunity to appreciate the heroic men and women who have
21 dedicated their lives to preserving public safety; and

22 WHEREAS, The tragic loss felt when a peace officer is killed in
23 the line of duty is expressed in these poignant words from a poem
24 by Harry Koch:

25 Yes, somebody killed a policeman today,
26 It happened in your town or mine.
27 While we slept in comfort behind our locked doors,
28 A cop put his life on the line.
29 Now, his ghost walks a beat on a dark city street,
30 and he stands at each new rookie's side.
31 He answered the call and gave us his all,
32 And a part of America died;

33 now, therefore, be it

34 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
35 SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 73rd Session of the
36 Nevada Legislature do hereby recognize May 4, 2005, as Peace
37 Officers' Memorial Day and May 15 through 21, 2005, as Peace
38 Officers' Memorial Week in the State of Nevada; and be it further

39 RESOLVED, That the Legislature urges all residents of this State
40 to remember those who have given their lives while preserving our
41 safety, to attend the special ceremonies held in their honor and to
42 express appreciation to those who continue to face death every day
43 in their dedication to making Nevada a safer place in which to live.

