

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 27–
Assemblyman Perkins

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing
May 4, 2005, as Peace Officers’ Memorial Day and
May 15 through 21, 2005, as Peace Officers’ Memorial Week
in Nevada.

WHEREAS, Of all the promises America offers, none is more precious or more elusive than the right to be free from crime and violence; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated men and women who have chosen law enforcement as a career face extraordinary risk and danger in preserving our freedom and security; and

WHEREAS, Seeing a need to honor those who died trying to make a safer life for American citizens, on October 1, 1962, President John F. Kennedy signed Public Law 87-726 designating National Peace Officers’ Memorial Day and National Police Week; and

WHEREAS, In 1994, the United States Congress and President William J. Clinton approved Public Law 103-322 directing that the flag of the United States be displayed at half-staff on all government buildings on May 15 each year as a special tribute to the brave men and women who died upholding our laws and preserving public safety; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 recognize May 4, 2005, as Peace Officers' Memorial Day and May 15 through 21, 2005, as Peace Officers' Memorial Week in the State of Nevada; and be it further

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