

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—ASSEMBLYMEN
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AND WIENER

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Commemorates 100th anniversary of City of Sparks.
(BDR R-71)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commemorating
the 100th anniversary of the City of Sparks.

- 1 WHEREAS, The members of the 73rd Session of the Nevada
- 2 Legislature wish to congratulate the City of Sparks on its 100th
- 3 anniversary; and
- 4 WHEREAS, As Nevada's fifth largest city, Sparks now has a
- 5 population of approximately 78,500 residents; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Sparks is located in the Truckee Meadows between
- 7 the Carson and Virginia Mountain Ranges; and
- 8 WHEREAS, In 1902, there was nothing 4 miles east of Reno
- 9 except swampland and ranches, and like many cities in Northern
- 10 Nevada, the history of the City of Sparks is closely related to the



1 development of railroad transportation, and when Southern Pacific
2 Railway Company, the new owner of the main line across Northern
3 Nevada, shortened the route, the new route bypassed Wadsworth,
4 which had accommodated the roundhouse and maintenance shops
5 for 40 years; and

6 WHEREAS, Southern Pacific startled its Wadsworth employees
7 by offering to pack up every house in the town and ship it to the new
8 location free of charge, and in the summer of 1903, 67 names were
9 drawn from one hat and 67 lot numbers from another, giving to each
10 of the employees clear deed to a 50 by 140 foot lot near the new
11 roundhouse at \$1 a lot; and

12 WHEREAS, The City had been called East Reno, New
13 Wadsworth and Harriman for a while, but that did not suit the
14 independent spirit of the new residents, and in 1904, the City was
15 officially named the City of Sparks after then Nevada Governor
16 "Honest John" Sparks, who was instrumental in its development,
17 and in 1905, Sparks became an incorporated city, with Governor
18 Sparks hosting a barbecue for the residents in celebration of the
19 honor; and

20 WHEREAS, Sparks has become widely known as the premier
21 special events venue for Northern Nevada in focusing on events that
22 include the entire family, the heart of the city being Victorian
23 Square with its old-fashioned ambiance and charm; and

24 WHEREAS, Serving as the official kick-off to the Sparks
25 Centennial Celebration, the 2004 Sparks Hometowne Christmas
26 gala, an annual event which has become Northern Nevada's largest
27 Christmas celebration, highlighted "A Centennial Christmas,
28 Celebrating 100 Years of Sparks, 1905-2005," where families get
29 into the spirit of the holiday season with delicious refreshments,
30 booths with arts and crafts perfect for gift giving, fun activities for
31 children, the Hometowne Christmas Parade with a special
32 appearance by Santa Claus and a tree-lighting ceremony complete
33 with free hot cocoa, cake, cookies and hot roasted chestnuts; and

34 WHEREAS, Sparks is well known for its outstanding parks and
35 recreation system with numerous neighborhood parks, regional
36 sports facilities and a large number of fun recreation programs
37 designed to appeal to everyone from preschoolers to senior citizens,
38 and Sparks Marina Park, the newest addition, is 80 acres of water
39 surrounded by a lighted walking trail where you will find people of
40 all ages walking and talking, and it includes such amenities as two
41 swimming beaches, two sand volleyball courts, numerous picnic
42 tables and gazebos, a bandstand for summer concerts, and facilities
43 for boating, fishing and scuba diving, and while the families are
44 enjoying all this outdoor activity, they have a breathtaking view of
45 the nearby mountains; now, therefore, be it



1 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
2 SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 73rd Session of the
3 Nevada Legislature invite all Nevadans to join with the residents of
4 this fine city in celebrating their 100th anniversary; and be it further
5 RESOLVED, That the City of Sparks is hereby congratulated for
6 focusing on the many events that bring family and friends together
7 and for providing an outstanding quality of life for its residents; and
8 be it further
9 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
10 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Mayor and City Council of
11 the City of Sparks.



