

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 7—Assemblymen Anderson, Marvel, Smith, Allen, Angle, Arberry Jr., Atkinson, Buckley, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Conklin, Denis, Gansert, Gerhardt, Giunchigliani, Goicoechea, Grady, Hardy, Hettrick, Hogan, Holcomb, Horne, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Mabey, Manendo, McClain, McCleary, Mortenson, Munford, Oceguela, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Perkins, Pierce, Seale, Sherer, Sibley and Weber

Joint Sponsors: Senators Mathews, Washington, Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, McGinness, Nolan, Raggio, Rhoads, Schneider, Tiffany, Titus, Townsend and Wiener

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

WHEREAS, The members of the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature wish to congratulate the City of Sparks on its 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, As Nevada's fifth largest city, Sparks now has a population of approximately 78,500 residents; and

WHEREAS, Sparks is located in the Truckee Meadows between the Carson and Virginia Mountain Ranges; and

WHEREAS, In 1902, there was nothing 4 miles east of Reno except swampland and ranches, and like many cities in Northern Nevada, the history of the City of Sparks is closely related to the development of railroad transportation, and when Southern Pacific Railway Company, the new owner of the main line across Northern Nevada, shortened the route, the new route bypassed Wadsworth, which had accommodated the roundhouse and maintenance shops for 40 years; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Sparks is well known for its outstanding parks and recreation system with numerous neighborhood parks, regional sports facilities and a large number of fun recreation programs designed to appeal to everyone from preschoolers to senior citizens, and Sparks Marina Park, the newest addition, is 80 acres of water surrounded by a lighted walking trail where you will find people of all ages walking and talking, and it includes such amenities as two swimming beaches, two sand volleyball courts, numerous picnic tables and gazebos, a bandstand for summer concerts, and facilities for boating, fishing and scuba diving, and while the families are enjoying all this outdoor activity, they have a breathtaking view of the nearby mountains; 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 invite all Nevadans to join with the residents of this fine city in celebrating their 100th anniversary; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the City of Sparks is hereby congratulated for focusing on the many events that bring family and friends together and for providing an outstanding quality of life for its residents; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sparks.