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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Acknowledging February 23, 2005, as Rotary International Day in the State of Nevada.

WHEREAS, The highest distinction in life lies not in deeds we do for ourselves, but in acts performed in the service of others; and

WHEREAS, There are today approximately 1.2 million business and professional leaders in more than 31,000 Rotary Clubs in 166 countries who have dedicated themselves as servants to humanity and who are working diligently to achieve the goals of improving their communities and building understanding and peace throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, From its inception on February 23, 1905, as a group of four businessmen in Chicago, Illinois, whose first service project was the purchase of a horse to enable a local physician to make house calls, Rotary has maintained a record of remarkable community and worldwide accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Rotary International has garnered widespread acclaim for its flagship undertaking, the eradication of polio from the world, a project to which Rotary Clubs have contributed \$500 million and countless hours of volunteer work resulting in the immunization of nearly 2 billion children; and

WHEREAS, Other health-oriented projects to which Rotarians contribute include tuberculosis screening and treatment, AIDS education, installation of water wells and water pumps, free heart surgery for children who have potentially fatal heart conditions and reconstructive facial surgery for underprivileged children who are born with a cleft lip or cleft palate; and

WHEREAS, As the world's largest privately funded source of international scholarships, Rotary annually enables approximately 1,000 students in universities throughout the nations to study in another country, and in the United States, nearly 8,000 high school students are sponsored each year in a student exchange program to study abroad for a period of 3 months to a year; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to train those who will serve as tomorrow's peacemakers and diplomats, Rotary Clubs have recently launched a new program called the Rotary Centers for International Studies, which provides postsecondary education in conflict resolution at eight prestigious universities worldwide to 70 Rotary World Peace Scholars who are chosen in a competitive selection process; and

WHEREAS, Yet another major objective of Rotarians is to fight against illiteracy through building schools, paying salaries of teachers, serving as tutors, collecting and distributing educational materials and creating model literacy projects; and

WHEREAS, Rotary Clubs around the globe are currently providing aid to the victims of the tsunami in Asia by organizing relief committees and coordinating relief centers and medical camps, as well as collecting and distributing donated goods and contributions; and

WHEREAS, In commemoration of the centennial celebration of Rotary International, the Rotary Club of Carson City, which daily devotes time to the creation of a better place to live by providing programs and projects for children, students, businessmen, the less fortunate and the entire community, is honoring our area with the gift of a four-sided Centennial Rotary Clock that will be placed in front of the Legislative Building in Nevada's State Capital; and

WHEREAS, The four sides of this clock represent to every passerby the guiding principles of the Rotary Club, which ask, "Of the things we think, say or do, is it the TRUTH, is it FAIR to all concerned, will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS and will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"; and

WHEREAS, This clock will serve as a constant reminder of Rotary's past accomplishments and as a harbinger of future service that will provide positive and lasting impact to this community and to the world; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature acknowledge February 23, 2005, as Rotary International Day in the State of Nevada; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of this Legislature express their deepest admiration and appreciation for Rotary International and for the Rotary Club of Carson City for the humanitarian efforts offered to our community and our world; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Rafael Cappucci, current President of the Rotary Club of Carson City, and to John Allen, President-Elect.

