

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 13—Assemblymen Horne, Allen, Anderson, Arberry, Atkinson, Beers, Bobzien, Buckley, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Cobb, Conklin, Denis, Gansert, Gerhardt, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Hardy, Hogan, Kihuen, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Mabey, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, Mortenson, Munford, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Stewart, Weber and Womack

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Honoring the accomplishments of United States Air Force Major Nicole Malachowski.

WHEREAS, Every year as millions of spectators experience the thrill of watching the precision aerial acrobatics of the United States Air Force Air Demonstration Squadron, known as the Thunderbirds, the skill and teamwork of the pilots who provide the excitement are readily recognized and appreciated; and

WHEREAS, The Thunderbirds, who have proudly represented the men and women wearing Air Force blue since 1953, turned a new page in history in March 2006, when Nicole Malachowski made her public debut as the team's first female pilot; and

WHEREAS, After being mesmerized by an air show as a young girl at 5 years of age, Nicole decided that she would one day be a fighter pilot, and despite being told by some that "girls can't be fighter pilots" and growing up with the reality that indeed women were, at that time, not allowed to fly fighter planes, Nicole never wavered from her goal; and

WHEREAS, While her peers were focused on getting their driver's licenses, Nicole was taking flight lessons at the North Las Vegas Airport and made her first solo flight there, and after graduating from Western High School in Las Vegas, she was chosen to enter the United States Air Force Academy and was commissioned in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Upon the completion of a lengthy process of letter submission, interviews and a flight test at Nellis Air Force Base, then Captain Malachowski was one of three pilots selected to become members of the Thunderbirds; and



WHEREAS, Major Malachowski, call sign “Fifi,” has, since her selection, attained a summit in fulfilling her lifetime dream as she expertly guides her F-16 Fighting Falcon in the right-wing position of the famous Thunderbird diamond formation; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the time spent on training and performing as a pilot, Major Malachowski dedicates many hours to community outreach and often speaks to children, emphasizing teamwork and encouraging them to pursue something they are passionate about and to pursue excellence in that endeavor; and

WHEREAS, Nicole Malachowski is the epitome of what she teaches and has not only become a role model for all young women but also an inspiration for everyone who hears her remarkable story; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 74th Session of the Nevada Legislature do hereby honor Major Nicole Malachowski for her extraordinary accomplishments as a pilot and as an exemplary representative of our country and the United States Air Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of this Legislature and the residents of the State of Nevada praise Nicole Malachowski for her dedication to her country and to her dreams and extol her as a role model for all young Americans; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Major Nicole Malachowski.

