

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 14—ASSEMBLYMEN
GRADY, ALLEN, ANDERSON, ARBERRY, ATKINSON, BEERS,
BOBZIEN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN,
CLABORN, COBB, CONKLIN, DENIS, GANSERT, GERHARDT,
GOEDHART, GOICOECHEA, HARDY, HOGAN, HORNE,
KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MABEY,
MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, MUNFORD,
OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PIERCE,
SEGERBLOM, SETTELMAYER, SMITH, STEWART, WEBER
AND WOMACK

MARCH 14, 2007

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MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, RAGGIO, RHOADS,
SCHNEIDER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON, WIENER
AND WOODHOUSE

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Commemorates the 100th anniversary of the
incorporation of the City of Yerington. (BDR R-1118)

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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 incorporation of the City of
Yerington.

- 1 WHEREAS, On March 14, 1907, Governor John Sparks signed
- 2 into law a bill that incorporated Yerington as a city, defined its
- 3 boundaries and established its governmental structure, and
- 4 March 14, 2007, marks the 100th anniversary of that event; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The origins of Yerington can be traced back to the
- 6 1850s when N. H. A. “Hock” Mason settled in the valley that now
- 7 bears his name, and in 1871, the Mason Valley Post Office was
- 8 established in the town near the Walker River; and



1 WHEREAS, The town was referred to by many as "Pizen
2 Switch," which folklore traces to the inferior grade of whiskey
3 (tasted like poison or "pizen") sold in a local saloon that was
4 constructed of willow branches ("switches"), and in 1879, the town
5 was rechristened "Greenfield," but the name of the local post office
6 was not officially changed; and

7 WHEREAS, In 1880, Henry Marvin Yerington, the General
8 Superintendent of the Virginia and Truckee Railroad, founded the
9 Carson and Colorado Railroad that soon extended from Mound
10 House through Dayton, Fort Churchill, Wabuska in northern Mason
11 Valley and Schurz to places farther south in both Nevada and
12 California; and

13 WHEREAS, By 1894, the residents officially changed the names
14 of the town and its post office to Yerington, in an unsuccessful
15 effort to flatter Henry Yerington so that he would extend his rail line
16 12 miles south of Wabuska through the town named after him; and

17 WHEREAS, The county seat of Lyon County was moved from
18 Dayton to the thriving and growing City of Yerington in 1911; and

19 WHEREAS, Joseph E. Dini, Jr., the longest serving
20 Assemblyman and Assembly Speaker in Nevada history and the
21 State's first and only Speaker Emeritus, is a Yerington native who
22 continues to reside in his hometown and is just one of many
23 prominent Nevada residents from Yerington; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
25 SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 74th Session of the
26 Nevada Legislature recognize the 100th anniversary of the
27 incorporation of the City of Yerington and applaud the efforts of
28 those men, women and children who helped shape Yerington into a
29 vibrant city of over 3,000 residents in the heart of a valley of 9,000
30 proud Nevadans; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the residents of Yerington, Mason Valley,
32 Lyon County and the State of Nevada are urged to join together in
33 the celebrations to commemorate the colorful and rich history of
34 Yerington, one of Nevada's truly special places; and be it further

35 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
36 transmit a copy of this resolution to the City of Yerington through
37 its Mayor Doug Homestead.

