

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, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Stewart, Weber and Womack

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

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

WHEREAS, On March 14, 1907, Governor John Sparks signed into law a bill that incorporated Yerington as a city, defined its boundaries and established its governmental structure, and March 14, 2007, marks the 100th anniversary of that event; and

WHEREAS, The origins of Yerington can be traced back to the 1850s when N. H. A. “Hock” Mason settled in the valley that now bears his name, and in 1871, the Mason Valley Post Office was established in the town near the Walker River; and

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

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

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



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

WHEREAS, Joseph E. Dini, Jr., the longest serving Assemblyman and Assembly Speaker in Nevada history and the State's first and only Speaker Emeritus, is a Yerington native who continues to reside in his hometown and is just one of many prominent Nevada residents from Yerington; 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 recognize the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Yerington and applaud the efforts of those men, women and children who helped shape Yerington into a vibrant city of over 3,000 residents in the heart of a valley of 9,000 proud Nevadans; and be it further

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

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

