

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—ASSEMBLYMEN
ANDERSON, ALLEN, ARBERRY, ATKINSON, BEERS,
BOBZIEN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN,
CLABORN, COBB, CONKLIN, DENIS, GANSERT, GERHARDT,
GOEDHART, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, 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

APRIL 16, 2007

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

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Commemorates the 75th anniversary of legalized
gaming in Nevada. (BDR R-1447)

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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 75th anniversary of legalized gaming in Nevada.

- 1 WHEREAS, Gambling, both legal and illegal, has played a
2 prominent role in Nevada’s history since its frontier days and the
3 days of the Comstock Lode, so much so that Mark Twain noted in
4 his book *Roughing It*, “In Nevada, for a time, the lawyer, the editor,
5 the banker, the chief desperado, the chief gambler, and the saloon
6 keeper, occupied the same level in society, and it was the highest”;
7 and
8 WHEREAS, Legalization of gaming was a constant source of
9 debate in Nevada, and on March 19, 1931, Assembly Bill No. 98
10 was introduced by freshman Assemblyman Phil Tobin, a



1 Winnemucca rancher, and was signed into law by Governor Fred
2 Balzar, legalizing wide-open gaming in Nevada; and

3 WHEREAS, The only requirement for a gaming license was that
4 the applicant be an American citizen, and prison inmates were even
5 allowed to operate casinos within prisons; and

6 WHEREAS, The first gaming license was given to Mayme
7 Stocker, a woman who had no gaming background, and among the
8 pioneers who contributed to the tremendous growth, popularity and
9 respectability of the gaming industry were Bill Harrah, Howard
10 Hughes and Steve Wynn, who gave gaming a more corporate
11 structure, further legitimizing the industry and making Nevada one
12 of the best places in the nation to live and work; and

13 WHEREAS, The State Gaming Control Board and the Nevada
14 Gaming Commission were put in place to regulate the gaming
15 industry for the protection of the public; and

16 WHEREAS, In 2006, more than 51 million people visited
17 Nevada, with the casino resort industry contributing approximately
18 \$2.6 billion to the revenue of this State, with the gaming industry
19 accounting for 49 percent of the State's revenue; and

20 WHEREAS, Gaming companies are among the largest employers
21 in the State, with 11 of the top 20 employers being gaming
22 companies, the gaming industry directly employs nearly 228,000
23 people, which is approximately 21 percent of the work force of
24 Nevada, and hotel casinos account for 18 percent of the wages paid
25 in Nevada; and

26 WHEREAS, The efforts of the gaming industry and gaming
27 employees have contributed to making Nevada a better place to live
28 and work by volunteering their time and resources in their
29 communities; now, therefore, be it

30 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
31 SENATE CONCURRING, That April 16, 2007, is hereby recognized
32 as the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of legalized gaming
33 in Nevada; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That the resort employees are commended for their
35 dedication to their jobs and their contributions to the economic well-
36 being of this State; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
38 transmit a copy of this resolution to the State Gaming Control Board
39 and the Nevada Gaming Commission.

