

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—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

APRIL 25, 2007

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

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Commends the Nevada Division of the National
Pony Express Association for its efforts in keeping
the memory of the Pony Express alive in Nevada.
(BDR R-1117)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ***omitted material*** is material to be omitted.

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Nevada Division of the National Pony Express
Association for its efforts in keeping the memory of the
Pony Express alive in Nevada.

- 1 WHEREAS, With the discovery of gold in the West in 1848 and
- 2 the increasing political tensions of the 1850s, it became imperative
- 3 to keep California aligned with the Union by providing a faster and
- 4 more dependable source of information from the northeastern states;
- 5 and



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1 WHEREAS, William H. Russell, Alexander Majors and
2 William B. Waddell took on the challenge and, in the short span of 2
3 months, set up a mail delivery system that was named the Pony
4 Express; and

5 WHEREAS, The sacrifice of the station masters, many of whom
6 gave their lives, and the dedication, bravery and horsemanship of
7 the wiry riders as they carried the mail for almost 2,000 miles from
8 St. Joseph, Missouri, to Sacramento, California, across scorching
9 deserts and through deep snow in 10 days is legendary, and the tales
10 of their daring and loyalty are part of the history and lore of the
11 American West; and

12 WHEREAS, Although in operation for only 18 months, this
13 amazing venture bound the ragged edges of a rising nation and
14 stands in history as a monumental example of the vision, courage
15 and character of the men and women who built the West; and

16 WHEREAS, The route of the Pony Express runs through portions
17 of eight states, and in Nevada roughly parallels U.S. Highway 50,
18 the surrounding area of which has been dubbed "Pony Express
19 Territory" by the Commission on Tourism; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to being part of a reenactment ride held
21 each year in June, the members of the Nevada Division of the
22 National Pony Express Association keep the story and spirit of the
23 Pony Express alive by marking and preserving the Nevada portion of
24 the trail, participating in community events and giving educational
25 presentations to schools and other groups; and

26 WHEREAS, Principally through the efforts of Larry McPherson,
27 past President of the Nevada Division, a historical marker consisting
28 of a silhouette depicting a Pony Express rider and horse will soon
29 stand along U.S. Highway 50 east of Carson City as a reminder of
30 this important part of Nevada history; now, therefore, be it

31 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
32 SENATE CONCURRING, That the 74th Session of the Nevada
33 Legislature commends the Nevada Division of the National Pony
34 Express Association for its contributions toward preserving the
35 history and making visible the spirit of the Pony Express in the State
36 of Nevada; and be it further

37 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
38 transmit a copy of this resolution to Steve Notterman, President of
39 the Nevada Division of the National Pony Express Association.

