

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

