

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 21—ASSEMBLYMEN SMITH; AIZLEY, ANDERSON, ARBERRY, ATKINSON, BOBZIEN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, COBB, CONKLIN, DENIS, DONDERO LOOP, GANSERT, GOEDHART, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, GUSTAVSON, HAMBRICK, HARDY, HOGAN, HORNE, KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MANENDO, MASTROLUCA, MCARTHUR, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARNELL, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM, SETTELMAYER, SPIEGEL, STEWART AND WOODBURY

MARCH 30, 2009

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Commends the extraordinary work of the Angel Kiss Foundation in helping families of children with cancer. (BDR R-856)

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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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- 1 WHEREAS, The Angel Kiss Foundation was originally created in
- 2 Virginia in 1990 by David and Barbara Rosin, in memory of five-
- 3 year-old Jarryd, their grandson, who was diagnosed in 1987 with
- 4 leukemia, and after they relocated to Reno, they saw the need for an
- 5 organization to help families in Nevada, and they established the
- 6 Angel Kiss Foundation in 1997; and



1 WHEREAS, Frequently, families with children in Northern  
2 Nevada who have cancer must travel out of state to access  
3 treatment, which often results in an additional burden on families  
4 who are already facing the challenges of maintaining a household,  
5 caring for other children, making medical decisions and paying the  
6 astronomical costs associated with cancer; and

7 WHEREAS, Since its inception, the Foundation has provided  
8 more than \$587,000 in direct assistance to more than 205 families in  
9 northern Nevada; and

10 WHEREAS, The Foundation serves northern Nevada as well as  
11 parts of central Nevada and the eastern Sierras in California; and

12 WHEREAS, In addition to financial assistance, the Foundation  
13 provides emotional support to children and families through its  
14 Connecting Families program, available to all families affected by  
15 pediatric cancer at no charge, with the goal of providing a safe  
16 social environment where children and families bond and parents  
17 keep abreast of all available resources through sharing experiences,  
18 ideas and information; and

19 WHEREAS, The Kids Club, one of the two subprograms of  
20 Connecting Families, allows children affected by pediatric cancer  
21 and their siblings to participate in activities such as pizza parties, art  
22 projects, cooking nights, pool tournaments, outings and games,  
23 while providing parents with some downtime without the need to  
24 pay child care costs; and

25 WHEREAS, Courage Together, the other subprogram, is a  
26 collaborative effort with the Keaton Raphael Memorial Foundation  
27 and provides peer support groups for children with cancer and their  
28 families in a safe, professionally supervised environment; and

29 WHEREAS, In addition to the core programs, which provide  
30 financial assistance and emotional support, the Angel Kiss  
31 Foundation offers many more services to children affected by cancer  
32 and their families, including professional referral services and an  
33 on-line community forum, and also hosts social events such as  
34 holiday parties; and

35 WHEREAS, The Angel Kiss Foundation's commendable work  
36 generously provides invaluable financial assistance and emotional  
37 support to cancer-stricken children and their families in times of  
38 their greatest need, ensuring that children in northern Nevada have  
39 access to treatment, regardless of their families' financial situations;  
40 now, therefore, be it

41 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE  
42 SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Session of the  
43 Nevada Legislature hereby express their sincere gratitude to the  
44 Angel Kiss Foundation; and be it further



- 1 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
- 2 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Rosin Family and to Julie
- 3 Tholl DeJan, Executive Director of the Angel Kiss Foundation.

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