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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commending the extraordinary work of the Angel Kiss Foundation in helping families of children with cancer.

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The Kids Club, one of the two subprograms of Connecting Families, allows children affected by pediatric cancer

and their siblings to participate in activities such as pizza parties, art projects, cooking nights, pool tournaments, outings and games, while providing parents with some downtime without the need to pay child care costs; and

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

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

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

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

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

