

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22—ASSEMBLYMEN
CLABORN; AIZLEY, ANDERSON, ARBERRY, ATKINSON,
BOBZIEN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CHRISTENSEN, 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, SMITH,
SPIEGEL, STEWART AND WOODBURY

MARCH 31, 2009

JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS AMODEI, BREEDEN, CARE, CARLTON,
CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, COPENING, HARDY, HORSFORD, LEE,
MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, PARKS, RAGGIO,
ROADS, SCHNEIDER, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON, WIENER
AND WOODHOUSE

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Designates March 31, 2009, to honor the Kerak
Shrine Temple and the Zelzah Shrine Temple.
(BDR R-619)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Designating
March 31, 2009, to honor the Kerak Shrine Temple and
the Zelzah Shrine Temple.

- 1 WHEREAS, What was to become the Ancient Arabic Order of
- 2 the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America, an international
- 3 fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of
- 4 brotherly love, relief and truth, was formed in New York City in
- 5 1872 and now has approximately 400,000 Shriners who are
- 6 members of 191 temples throughout the United States, Canada,
- 7 Mexico and the Republic of Panama; and



1 WHEREAS, While many associate the Shriners with the guys in
2 parades wearing wild costumes who drive funny little cars or with
3 circuses, clowns and, their distinctive symbol, the red fez with a
4 black tassel, they are better known as the "World's Greatest
5 Fraternity" that is responsible for funding and operating the
6 "World's Greatest Philanthropy," the Shriners Hospitals for
7 Children; and

8 WHEREAS, While formed primarily as a social organization, the
9 Shriners, always involved in philanthropic work, wanted to do more
10 for humanity, leading to the opening of 22 Shriners Hospitals for
11 Children, often called the "heart and soul of the Shrine"; and

12 WHEREAS, Since 1922, Shriners Hospitals have helped
13 approximately 865,000 children, at no charge to the families,
14 regardless of financial need, and have a three-fold mission of expert
15 treatment, cutting-edge research and outstanding teaching programs;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, More than 8,000 physicians have received training at
18 Shriners Hospitals over the past 20 years, and since beginning a
19 formal research program more than 40 years ago, more than \$515
20 million has been invested in research projects; and

21 WHEREAS, Children with orthopedic conditions, severe burns,
22 spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate are eligible for medical
23 treatment and, in addition, receive psychosocial, nutritional and
24 recreational care; and

25 WHEREAS, The Shriners Hospitals are supported by a \$5 annual
26 assessment from each Shriner, contributions, bequests and various
27 fundraisers, one of the largest of which is the annual Shrine Circus,
28 first performed in Detroit, Michigan, in 1906; and

29 WHEREAS, Fundraisers for the Kerak Shrine Temple, the
30 Northern Nevada chapter, include such annual events as the Capitol
31 Shrine Bowl in Sacramento, California, which funds the
32 transportation of children to out-of-state Shriners Hospitals, and
33 the Kerak Shrine Circus, in which some of the Shriners perform as
34 the Kerak Klowns; and

35 WHEREAS, Fundraisers for the Zelzah Shrine Temple, the
36 Southern Nevada chapter, include such annual events as the Justin
37 Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open, the "Lance
38 Burton & Friends" benefit and the Vidalia onion sale; now,
39 therefore, be it

40 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
41 SENATE CONCURRING, That March 31, 2009, is hereby designated
42 to honor the Kerak Shrine Temple and the Zelzah Shrine Temple for
43 their philanthropic work and dedication to the children of Nevada;
44 and be it further



- 1 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
- 2 transmit a copy of this resolution to Art Cline, Potentate of the
- 3 Kerak Shrine Temple, and to Thomas D. Welsh, Potentate of the
- 4 Zelzah Shrine Temple.

