

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, Oceguela, Ohrenschall, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Spiegel, Stewart and Woodbury

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

