

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 9—Assemblymen Segerblom; Aizley, Anderson, Atkinson, Benitez-Thompson, Bobzien, Brooks, Bustamante Adams, Carlton, Carrillo, Conklin, Daly, Diaz, Dondero Loop, Ellison, Flores, Frierson, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Hambrick, Hammond, Hansen, Hardy, Hickey, Hogan, Horne, Kirkpatrick, Kirner, Kite, Livermore, Mastroluca, McArthur, Munford, Neal, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Pierce, Sherwood, Smith, Stewart and Woodbury

Joint Sponsors: Senators Breeden; Brower, Cegavske, Copenig, Denis, Gustavson, Halseth, Hardy, Horsford, Kieckhefer, Kihuen, Lee, Leslie, Manendo, McGinness, Parks, Rhoads, Roberson, Schneider, Settelmeyer and Wiener

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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing Nevada's first acupuncturist, Dr. Yee Kung Lok.

WHEREAS, As late as December 1972, the practice of acupuncture was considered in Nevada to be "not sufficiently well understood to be an acceptable method for use in the practice of medicine in this State"; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature became the first in the nation to declare traditional Chinese medicine, including acupuncture, a learned profession when Senate Bill No. 448 of the 1973 Session, authorizing the practice of Chinese medicine and acupuncture, was signed into law on April 20, 1973, and many states thereafter followed suit; and

WHEREAS, Credit for this unprecedentedly quick change in the status of the profession largely belongs to Dr. Yee Kung Lok, who worked tirelessly for this cause; and

WHEREAS, Yee Kung Lok was born in Shanghai, People's Republic of China, on June 17, 1913, to Lok King Qu and Wong Ming Chien and studied Chinese medicine and acupuncture in Shanghai as a disciple; and

WHEREAS, In 1973, Dr. Lok came to Nevada with the ambition to legalize the practice and, along with Arthur Steinberg, a patient he had treated in Hong Kong, and lobbyist Jim Joyce, began the arduous process of attaining this goal; and

WHEREAS, In the ultimate illustration of the adage that seeing is believing, Dr. Lok conducted a demonstration of acupuncture in the spring of 1973, in a clinic in the Ormsby House hotel and casino across the street from the Legislative Building; and



WHEREAS, Half of Nevada's 60 lawmakers and countless members of the public put themselves under the needles of Dr. Lok during this demonstration, and with assistance from only his wife, he treated more than 100 patients every day for 3 weeks; and

WHEREAS, The great majority of those patients claimed improvement, with some announcing astonishing results, such as an Assemblyman who reported that a 20-year sinus condition disappeared after needles were stuck in his forehead and alongside his nose; and

WHEREAS, Although one of those receiving treatment professed he "would follow him to Hong Kong," Dr. Lok graciously chose to settle in this State to continue helping Nevadans needing relief from their ailments and established a successful practice; and

WHEREAS, With the passing of Dr. Yee Kung Lok in Las Vegas on January 17, 2004, Nevada lost one of its most forward-thinking leaders in the field of medicine; and

WHEREAS, He is survived by his wife, Chien Ching Lok, their children and spouses Maria Ming Chu Pan and her husband Wei Pan, Dr. Peter Pak Ming Lok and his wife Merle Lok and Lucy Ming Wei Cheung and her husband Chiu Ming Cheung, as well as grandchildren Farrowe and Gerrine Pan, Henry Junwen Lok, Angela Meiwen Lok, Amanda Meihui Lok, Alvin Yao Wen Cheung and Anthony Yao Fang Cheung; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That members of the 76th Session of the Nevada Legislature note with admiration this awe-inspiring man's life and, with sorrow, this great loss; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Lok's wife, Chien Ching Lok.

