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SUMMARY—Memorializes Nevada’s first acupuncturist, Dr. Yee
Kung Lok. (BDR R-547)

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

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

1 WHEREAS, As late as December 1972, the practice of acupuncture
2 was considered in Nevada to be “not sufficiently well understood to
3 be an acceptable method for use in the practice of medicine in this
4 State”; and
5 WHEREAS, The Nevada Legislature became the first in the nation
6 to declare traditional Chinese medicine, including acupuncture, a
7 learned profession when Senate Bill No. 448 of the 1973 Session,
8 authorizing the practice of Chinese medicine and acupuncture, was
9 signed into law on April 20, 1973, and many states thereafter
10 followed suit; and



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

