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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing Marine hero Lance Corporal Donald J. Cline Jr.

WHEREAS, The members of the Nevada Legislature join the people of the State of Nevada to mourn the loss and celebrate the life of United States Marine Lance Corporal Donald J. Cline Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Donald J. Cline Jr., known as “John” by his family and friends, was born in Sierra Madre, California; and

WHEREAS, After his family moved to Sparks, John Cline attended Reed High School and met his wife-to-be, Tina; and

WHEREAS, Because he said he had “always wanted to be a Marine,” John Cline enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at the age of 17 and left for boot camp 2 weeks after graduating from high school; and

WHEREAS, After John’s graduation from Marine boot camp on October 20, 2000, Tina and John Cline were married the following day at the American Legion Hall in Sun Valley, Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Blessed with two sons, Dakota, 2 1/2 years of age, and Dillon, 7 months, John Cline proved to be a devoted and caring family man who talked about returning to Reno to become a police officer when he left the military; and

WHEREAS, Serving with the 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Brigade, based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, John Cline was deployed to Iraq to serve his country, but kept in close contact with his family through letters and phone calls; and

WHEREAS, On March 23, 2003, John Cline was reported missing in action after he and some of his fellow Marines were ambushed by enemy fire on a bridge near the southern Iraq town of Nasiriyah; and

WHEREAS, Being a strong and loyal Marine wife, Tina Cline remained optimistic that her husband would be found safe, and she and her children were embraced by their community, receiving support and prayers from family, friends and strangers; and

WHEREAS, Sadly, on April 11, Lance Corporal Donald "John" Cline Jr., only 21 years of age, was among the Marines identified as killed in that attack of March 23rd; and

WHEREAS, John Cline was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and will hereafter be remembered for his bravery in the face of battle; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Cline is survived by his wife, Tina, his sons, Dakota and Dillon, and his mother, Cynthia Fulton-Cline; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That United States Marine Lance Corporal Donald J. Cline Jr. be recognized for his dedication to his country in giving the ultimate sacrifice while trying to make the world a safer place for his children and children throughout the world; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the 72nd Session of the Nevada Legislature and the people of our State extend their sincere condolences to the family and friends of John Cline, an American hero; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to John Cline's loving wife, Tina.