

109TH CONGRESS
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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Providing for the acceptance of a statue of Sarah
Winnemucca, presented by the people of Nevada,
for placement in National Statuary Hall, and for
other purposes.

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Whereas Sarah Winnemucca was the daughter of Chief Winnemucca and the granddaughter of the redoubtable Chief Truckee of the Northern Paiute Tribe who led John C. Fremont and his men across the Great Basin to California;

Whereas Sarah, before her 14th birthday, had acquired five languages, including three Indian dialects, Spanish, and

English, and was one of only two Northern Paiutes in Nevada at the time who was able to read, write, and speak English;

Whereas Sarah was an intelligent and respected woman who served as an interpreter for the United States Army and the Bureau of Indian Affairs and served as an aide, scout, peacemaker, and interpreter for General Oliver O. Howard during the Bannock War of 1878, in Idaho;

Whereas, in 1883, Sarah published *Life Among the Paiutes: Their Wrongs and Claims*, the first book written and published by a Native American woman;

Whereas Sarah became a tireless spokeswoman for the Northern Paiute Tribe and in 1879, gave more than 300 speeches throughout the United States concerning the plight of her people;

Whereas Sarah established a nongovernmental school for Paiute children near Lovelock, Nevada, which operated for three years and became a model for future educational facilities for Native American children; and

Whereas Sarah, in fighting for justice, peace, and equality for all persons, represented the highest ideals of America and is hereby recognized as a distinguished citizen of Nevada: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring),*

1 **SECTION 1. ACCEPTANCE OF STATUE OF SARAH**
2 **WINNEMUCCA FROM THE PEOPLE OF NE-**
3 **VADA FOR PLACEMENT IN NATIONAL STAT-**
4 **UARY HALL.**

5 (a) **IN GENERAL.**—The statue of Sarah Winnemucca,
6 furnished by the people of Nevada for placement in Na-
7 tional Statuary Hall in accordance with section 1814 of
8 the Revised Statutes of the United States (2 U.S.C.
9 2131), is accepted in the name of the United States, and
10 the thanks of the Congress are tendered to the people of
11 Nevada for providing this commemoration of one of Ne-
12 vada’s most eminent personages.

13 (b) **PRESENTATION CEREMONY.**—The State of Ne-
14 vada is authorized to use the rotunda of the Capitol on
15 March 9, 2005, for a presentation ceremony for the stat-
16 ue. The Architect of the Capitol and the Capitol Police
17 Board shall take such action as may be necessary with
18 respect to physical preparations and security for the cere-
19 mony.

20 (c) **DISPLAY IN ROTUNDA.**—The statue shall be dis-
21 played in the rotunda of the Capitol for a period of not
22 more than 6 months, after which period the statue shall
23 be moved to its permanent location.

1 **SEC. 2. TRANSMITTAL TO GOVERNOR OF NEVADA.**

2 The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall
3 transmit a copy of this concurrent resolution to the Gov-
4 ernor of Nevada.

 Passed the House of Representatives March 1,
2005.

Attest:

Clerk.