## ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 24—ASSEMBLYMAN CARPENTER

## MARCH 5, 1999

## Referred to Committee on Natural Resources, Agriculture and Mining

SUMMARY—Urges Division of Wildlife of State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to consider certain factors when making wildlife management decisions. (BDR R-1489)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging the Division of Wildlife of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to consider certain factors when making wildlife management decisions.

WHEREAS, Owners of private property and holders of water rights

control significant amounts of the land and water utilized by the wildlife in

3 the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Farmers and ranchers have acquired and owned major

5 portions of the private property and water rights in this state for many

years; and

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WHEREAS, These farmers and ranchers have purposely maintained their

private property in such a manner as to sustain, enhance and increase the

wildlife population of our state; and

WHEREAS, In the arid desert environment of Nevada, owners of private

property and holders of the water rights have been the last line of defense

2 for wildlife during severe winters and times of drought, often providing the

only available feed and water; and

WHEREAS, The Division of Wildlife of the State Department of

15 Conservation and Natural Resources recognizes, acknowledges and

supports the invaluable contributions made by ranchers and farmers to the

17 enhancement, survival and viability of Nevada's wildlife; and

WHEREAS, The residents of Nevada, through their elected

19 representatives, governmental entities and agencies, recognize the vital

contributions made by owners of private property, persons who have

obtained permits to use public lands and all other users of Nevada's lands

22 for the continued viability of our wildlife; and

- WHEREAS, This legislature recognizes that it is necessary for all owners
- 2 and users of land in Nevada and the managers of our wildlife to work
- together to ensure that we continue to sustain a healthy wildlife population
- 4 in the State of Nevada; now, therefore, be it
- 5 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
- 6 CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge
- 7 the Division of Wildlife of the State Department of Conservation and
- 8 Natural Resources to recognize, promote and actively support the
- 9 contributions made by owners of private property and holders of water
- rights to the health, vitality and continued viability of Nevada's wildlife
- and to consider these factors when making wildlife management decisions;
- 12 and be it further
- 13 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit
- a copy of this resolution to the Administrator of the Division of Wildlife of
- the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and the
- 16 Board of Wildlife Commissioners.

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