

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 73—ASSEMBLYMEN NEIGHBORS, ANDERSON, ANGLE, ARBERRY, BACHE, BEERS, BERMAN, BROWER, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CEGAVSKE, CHOWNING, CLABORN, COLLINS, DE BRAGA, DINI, FREEMAN, GIBBONS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOLDWATER, GUSTAVSON, HETTRICK, HUMKE, KOIVISTO, LEE, LESLIE, MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, NOLAN, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PARNELL, PERKINS, PRICE, SEGERBLUM, THOMAS, TIFFANY, VON TOBEL AND WILLIAMS

MAY 26, 1999

JOINT SPONSOR: SENATOR MCGINNESS

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Expresses support for Desert Space Station. (BDR R-1771)

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

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Expressing support for the Desert Space Station, a 92,000 square-foot interactive science museum that recognizes and explores Nevada’s unique spaces with exhibits and presentations.

- 1 WHEREAS, Americans of the 21st century will need to understand
- 2 science and technology to make responsible personal, professional and
- 3 civic decisions; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Knowledge in the fields of science and technology has
- 5 exploded in the last several decades; and
- 6 WHEREAS, The literacy of the general public in science and technology
- 7 in the United States is poor, at best; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson wrote that the ultimate powers of society
- 9 reside with the people, and if the people are not informed enough to
- 10 exercise those powers, the remedy is not to take the powers from them, but
- 11 to inform them; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Learning is an ongoing and lifelong process that takes place
- 13 both inside and outside the walls of educational institutions, and effective
- 14 learning includes participation and action, “I do and I understand”; and

1 WHEREAS, Hands-on, interactive science museums have proven to be
2 excellent places for people of all ages, levels of understanding and interests
3 to learn science and technology by “doing”; and

4 WHEREAS, The number of science museums has tripled during the last
5 decade, and currently there are approximately 300 science museums in the
6 United States; and

7 WHEREAS, In the United States, science museums serve nearly 115
8 million people every year, including 13 million school children; and

9 WHEREAS, The Desert Space Station will be a nonprofit, 92,000-square
10 foot, hands-on, interactive science museum where children and adults can
11 explore and experience state-of-the-art and futuristic science and
12 technology exhibits and presentations associated with Nevada’s unique
13 spaces, including outer space, air space and land space; and

14 WHEREAS, The expected benefits of the Desert Space Station will be the
15 stimulation of interest in science and technology, the enhancement of
16 science and math education in the region, the promotion of a better
17 understanding of the natural environment of the Mojave Desert, and an
18 appreciation of Death Valley National Park and Ash Meadows National
19 Wildlife Refuge; and

20 WHEREAS, Additional benefits will be a wider understanding of
21 renewable energy opportunities and technologies, a greater knowledge of
22 Nevada’s mineral resources and the mining of those resources, the
23 promotion of the understanding and appreciation of past, present and future
24 federal activities at the Nevada Test Site, the Nellis Air Force Gunnery
25 Range and the Fallon Naval Air Station and the stimulation of economic
26 development and diversification in rural Nevada; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE SENATE
28 CONCURRING, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada
29 Legislature do hereby commend the goals of the Board of Trustees for the
30 Desert Space Station and express enthusiastic support for the Desert Space
31 Station; and be it further

32 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature anticipates that the Desert
33 Space Station will be a “must-see” attraction in the West, a source of pride
34 for Nevadans and a catalyst for learning by people of all ages and
35 backgrounds; and be it further

36 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a
37 copy of this resolution to Governor Kenny C. Guinn and the Board of
38 Trustees for the Desert Space Station, and be it further

39 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage and
40 approval.