

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, Segerblom, Thomas, Tiffany, Von Tobel and Williams

Joint Sponsor: Senator McGinness

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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.

WHEREAS, Americans of the 21st century will need to understand science and technology to make responsible personal, professional and civic decisions; and

WHEREAS, Knowledge in the fields of science and technology has exploded in the last several decades; and

WHEREAS, The literacy of the general public in science and technology in the United States is poor, at best; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Jefferson wrote that the ultimate powers of society reside with the people, and if the people are not informed enough to exercise those powers, the remedy is not to take the powers from them, but to inform them; and

WHEREAS, Learning is an ongoing and lifelong process that takes place both inside and outside the walls of educational institutions, and effective learning includes participation and action, “I do and I understand”; and

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The expected benefits of the Desert Space Station will be the stimulation of interest in science and technology, the enhancement of science and math education in the region, the promotion of a better understanding of the natural environment of the Mojave Desert, and an

appreciation of Death Valley National Park and Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge; and

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

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

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

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

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

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