

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 38—SENATORS TITUS, AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, JACOBSEN, JAMES, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NEAL, O’CONNELL, O’DONNELL, PORTER, RAGGIO, RAWSON, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Commends James E. Rogers for his unprecedented philanthropic contributions to many educational institutions and for his generous support of nonprofit organizations in Nevada. (BDR R-1575)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commending James E. Rogers for his unprecedented philanthropic contributions to many educational institutions and for his generous support of nonprofit organizations in Nevada.

- 1 WHEREAS, James E. Rogers graduated from Las Vegas High School in
- 2 1956, later received a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and a law
- 3 degree from the University of Arizona and a Master of Laws from the
- 4 University of Southern California; and
- 5 WHEREAS, In 1998, Jim Rogers was honored with a Doctor of Laws
- 6 from the University of Arizona; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Jim Rogers is a member of the State Bar Associations of
- 8 Nevada, Arizona and California; and

1 WHEREAS, Jim Rogers founded Valley Broadcasting Company in Las
2 Vegas, Nevada, and has served as its Chief Executive Officer since 1979;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Jim Rogers is the principal owner of Sunbelt
5 Communications Company which owns and operates the NBC affiliate
6 television stations in Las Vegas, Reno, Winnemucca and Elko, Nevada, as
7 well as the stations in Yuma, Arizona, El Centro, California, Helena,
8 Montana, Pocatello-Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Jackson, Wyoming, and a radio
9 station in Reno; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1998, Jim Rogers left the active practice of law to devote
11 all his time to the development of the television and radio stations of
12 Sunbelt Communications Company; and

13 WHEREAS, Jim Rogers is no stranger to the banking industry as he was a
14 member of the Board of Directors of several financial institutions in
15 Nevada, including the Nevada National Bank, Security Pacific Bank and
16 Community Bank of Nevada, and is presently the Chairman of the Board of
17 Directors of Nevada First Bank, which he founded in 1998; and

18 WHEREAS, Jim Rogers is an active supporter of education and has
19 demonstrated this by his substantial financial contributions to various
20 colleges and universities; and

21 WHEREAS, In 1998, Jim Rogers made the largest charitable contribution
22 in the history of Nevada by pledging \$28,500,000 to the William S. Boyd
23 School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and substantial
24 sums are earmarked for the University of Nevada School of Medicine in
25 Las Vegas and the University of Nevada College of Engineering in Reno;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, In other states where Sunbelt Communications Company
28 owns television stations, Jim Rogers has made charitable donations and
29 pledges to education that will total nearly \$130,000,000, with the largest
30 gift being \$50,000,000 and an additional pledge of \$50,000,000 to the
31 University of Arizona College of Law, which was renamed the James E.
32 Rogers Law Center in 1998, and the second largest gift being \$20,000,000
33 to the Idaho State University Foundation; and

34 WHEREAS, In addition to generous financial donations, Jim Rogers gives
35 much of his time and energy to educational institutions and nonprofit
36 organizations, including one of his favorite projects which was the
37 establishment of the Kathryn Grayson Schools of Music in Idaho and
38 Montana to honor the well-known singer and movie star of the 1940s,
39 1950s and 1960s; and

40 WHEREAS, Jim Rogers also takes pride in his collection of more than
41 100 classic cars, which is said to be one of the best small collections of
42 classic cars in the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, The love that Jim Rogers has for art has resulted in a
2 prestigious fine art and bronze collection of western artifacts, and his love
3 of film has contributed to the development of the Lone Pine Film Museum
4 in Lone Pine, California; and

5 WHEREAS, Jim Rogers has provided innumerable educational
6 opportunities for thousands of students through his generous contributions
7 to colleges and universities and has given his own time and energy to
8 support many nonprofit organizations; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
10 CONCURRING, That the members of the 70th session of the Nevada
11 Legislature commend James E. Rogers for his exceptional contributions to
12 his community and state and this nation; and be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy
14 of this resolution to James E. Rogers.

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