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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.

WHEREAS, James E. Rogers graduated from Las Vegas High School in 1956, later received a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and a law degree from the University of Arizona and a Master of Laws from the University of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, In 1998, Jim Rogers was honored with a Doctor of Laws from the University of Arizona; and

WHEREAS, Jim Rogers is a member of the State Bar Associations of Nevada, Arizona and California; and

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, In 1998, Jim Rogers made the largest charitable contribution in the history of Nevada by pledging \$28,500,000 to the William S. Boyd

School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and substantial sums are earmarked for the University of Nevada School of Medicine in Las Vegas and the University of Nevada College of Engineering in Reno; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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