

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15—SENATORS RAGGIO, TITUS, AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, JACOBSEN, JAMES, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NEAL, O’CONNELL, O’DONNELL, PORTER, RAWSON, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Commemorates 90th anniversary of Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce. (BDR R-1146)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commemorating the 90th anniversary of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce.

- 1 WHEREAS, In 1784, only 8 years after the signing of the Declaration of
- 2 Independence, the idea for the formation of chambers of commerce in the
- 3 United States originated; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Two years later, the first chamber was organized, and in
- 5 1911, the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce was established; and
- 6 WHEREAS, For the past 89 years, the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce
- 7 has proudly served the Las Vegas businesses, as well as the community as
- 8 a whole, and is now the fourth largest chamber of commerce in the nation,
- 9 with a membership of more than 6,400 business professionals and a
- 10 trained, professional staff of 55; and
- 11 WHEREAS, The comprehensive mission of this body of businessmen is
- 12 to be “a business organization that protects, fosters, and enhances the
- 13 success of our membership through a focused, collaborative effort”; and



1 WHEREAS, In fulfilling that mission, the Las Vegas Chamber of  
2 Commerce identifies community needs, problems and opportunities, and  
3 then develops programs that satisfy those needs, solve those problems and  
4 seize those opportunities; and

5 WHEREAS, Notable past accomplishments in attaining the goals of the  
6 Chamber include obtaining the first Federal Building and Post Office for  
7 Las Vegas in 1924, creating the Livewire Fund to promote Las Vegas in  
8 1944, leading in the formation of the Las Vegas Valley Water District in  
9 1945, helping establish the Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority  
10 in 1953 and founding the United Way of Southern Nevada in 1955; and

11 WHEREAS, The Chamber not only serves existing businesses by  
12 sponsoring over 100 events each year, including seminars, workshops,  
13 expos, campaigns, general-membership luncheons, new-member  
14 welcomes, mixers and other gatherings, but also encourages entrepreneurs  
15 and offers valuable assistance to businesses that are new to the area; and

16 WHEREAS, Efforts abound to encourage leadership on the cutting edge  
17 of the business world through Chamber programs such as those to respond  
18 to the special needs of home-based and micro businesses; and

19 WHEREAS, To maintain Las Vegas as the "Entertainment Capital of the  
20 World," the Chamber provides information for tourists relating to lodging,  
21 shopping, transportation, restaurants, recreation, and industry and  
22 employment, and promotes the city through such ventures as its recent  
23 negotiations for a 10-year commitment with the National Finals Rodeo and  
24 an agreement with the sponsors of the Winston Cup; and

25 WHEREAS, The youth of Las Vegas and their education are priorities for  
26 the Chamber, as demonstrated by its support of school bond referendums,  
27 scholarship programs, and opportunities such as the Leadership Las Vegas  
28 program, which identifies high school juniors who have demonstrated  
29 leadership and, through a 10-month curriculum, prepares them for the  
30 responsibilities of leadership in the community; and

31 WHEREAS, Residents of Las Vegas have benefited from such  
32 community-wide efforts of the Chamber as the promotion of improvements  
33 and upgrades to major traffic artery I-15 and the Courtesy Las Vegas  
34 program that is designed to instill and inspire a higher and more consistent  
35 level of courtesy across Clark County; and

36 WHEREAS, It is no accident that for the last 3 years, *Inc.*, a leading  
37 publication serving entrepreneurs and small business executives, has  
38 named Las Vegas the best city in the country in which to start a small  
39 business, and in 1998, *Fortune*, a national magazine devoted to business  
40 and finance, selected the city as the second best in the nation in which to do  
41 business; now, therefore, be it

42 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY  
43 CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature hereby commemorates the  
44 90th anniversary of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, recognizes the  
45 Chamber as the largest and most influential proponent of free enterprise in  
46 Las Vegas and honors it as the organization which "does the things that  
47 most people think just happen"; and be it further



1       RESOLVED, That the members of the Legislature applaud the Las Vegas  
2 Chamber of Commerce for the contributions it has made in developing Las  
3 Vegas as the “City of the Century, Community of the Future”; and be it  
4 further  
5       RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy  
6 of this resolution to the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce.

