

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 20—SENATORS PORTER, AMODEI, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, JACOBSEN, JAMES, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NEAL, O’CONNELL, O’DONNELL, RAGGIO, RAWSON, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Recognizes 70th anniversary of Boulder City. (BDR R-1491)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing the 70th anniversary of Boulder City.

- 1 WHEREAS, In 1928, as part of the Boulder Canyon Project Act,
- 2 Congress authorized the construction of a dam in Black Canyon, between
- 3 Nevada and Arizona, to tame the raging Colorado River; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The dam was named “Hoover Dam” in honor of President
- 5 Herbert Hoover and had many purposes, including the storage of water,
- 6 control of floods and generation of hydroelectric power; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Hoover Dam would later be selected by the American
- 8 Society of Civil Engineers as one of the “Seven Modern Engineering
- 9 Wonders of the United States”; and
- 10 WHEREAS, To accomplish the construction of this major project, the
- 11 Bureau of Reclamation would create what was to be a temporary city in the
- 12 barren desert to accommodate the multitude of workers needed to build the
- 13 dam; and



1 WHEREAS, Hoover Dam was built during the Great Depression and jobs
2 were scarce, with unemployment as high as 80 percent in some parts of the
3 country; and

4 WHEREAS, With no guarantee of food, shelter or work, thousands of
5 jobless people packed up their families and flocked to the area, now known
6 as "Boulder City," where jobs were plentiful and housing was provided,
7 looking for the American dream; and

8 WHEREAS, Because the city planners had not expected the workers to
9 bring their families with them, they had not prepared for the influx of
10 women and children and had not provided for schools or churches; and

11 WHEREAS, With true pioneer spirit, the people of Boulder City picked
12 up where the city planners had left off, starting schools using chairs and
13 desks donated by the people in the community and buying books with
14 money from their own pockets; and

15 WHEREAS, Churches were built, businesses were started, and social and
16 spiritual ties were formed; and

17 WHEREAS, At the height of the dam construction, Boulder City had the
18 largest population in the State of Nevada, with approximately 7,000
19 people; and

20 WHEREAS, Some roads in the area were being graded using mules and
21 others using state-of-the-art equipment, showing the transition of the
22 country towards mechanized and technological development; and

23 WHEREAS, After the completion of Hoover Dam in 1935, with the
24 dedication of the dam by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the future
25 of Boulder City was uncertain, with some considering tearing down the
26 houses and abandoning the city; and

27 WHEREAS, The residents who had raised their families and built a
28 thriving community in Boulder City were determined to stay in what had
29 become known as "the city that built Hoover Dam" and successfully fought
30 to become independent of rule by the Bureau of Reclamation; and

31 WHEREAS, The city that started out as a temporary one has flourished
32 and is ideally situated close to Lake Mead National Recreation Area,
33 Hoover Dam and Las Vegas; and

34 WHEREAS, Listed on the "National Register of Historic Places,"
35 Boulder City is home to the stately Boulder Dam Hotel which has housed
36 presidents and movie stars; and

37 WHEREAS, Boulder City, once a desert, now provides an oasis of grass
38 and trees and many recreational opportunities, including a golf course, a
39 swimming pool, a racquetball complex, tennis courts, athletic fields, parks
40 and a BMX bicycle track; now, therefore, be it

41 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
42 CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature hereby declares the week of
43 March 11 through March 17, 2001, as "Boulder City Days" in recognition
44 of the 70th anniversary of its founding; and be it further

45 RESOLVED, That the Legislature invites all Nevadans to join in the
46 celebration of that anniversary; and be it further

47 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy
48 of this resolution to Robert Ferraro, the Mayor of Boulder City.

