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SUMMARY—Honors University Studies Abroad Consortium within University and Community College System of Nevada. (BDR R-64)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Honoring the University Studies Abroad Consortium within the University and Community College System of Nevada.

- 1 WHEREAS, The University Studies Abroad Consortium was established
- 2 in 1982 by Drs. Joseph N. Crowley and William A. Douglass of the
- 3 University of Nevada, Reno, and by Drs. John Barnes and Pat Bieter of
- 4 Boise State University; and
- 5 WHEREAS, The physical resources and the academic context for the
- 6 Consortium were provided by the University of the Basque Country in
- 7 Spain; and
- 8 WHEREAS, The mission of the Consortium was to create an academic
- 9 program for university students from America abroad in the Basque
- 10 Country; and
- 11 WHEREAS, The University of Nevada, Reno, with its Basque Studies
- 12 Program, Boise State University, with its Basque population, and the
- 13 University of the Basque Country were logical participants in such an
- 14 enterprise; and



1 WHEREAS, In the fall of 1983, the first academic program was launched
2 with a group of 28 students in San Sebastian, Spain; and

3 WHEREAS, In 1985, the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, joined the
4 Consortium which has been growing ever since; and

5 WHEREAS, Today there are 22 universities participating in the
6 Consortium that send, each year, approximately 1,700 students to 23
7 program sites in 17 countries while employing more than 110 faculty
8 members and staff from around the world; and

9 WHEREAS, The Consortium provides opportunities for faculty members
10 by offering professors the chance to teach abroad and make professional
11 contacts with their counterparts at foreign host universities; and

12 WHEREAS, During the 18 years the Consortium has been in existence,
13 62 professors from the University of Nevada, Reno, and the University of
14 Nevada, Las Vegas, have taught courses in the academic program; and

15 WHEREAS, Perhaps the most important aspects of this program are the
16 academic, cultural and social opportunities provided to the participating
17 students; and

18 WHEREAS, While studying and living abroad, students expand their
19 cultural horizons, gain valuable knowledge and a more accurate insight
20 into world affairs, learn foreign languages and participate in internships;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, The University of Nevada, Reno, continues to assume the
23 role as the Consortium's lead university and, as its primary trustee,
24 processes contracts for both faculty members and employees, monitors
25 funding for the Consortium and manages the Consortium's overall
26 operations; and

27 WHEREAS, To the credit of both the University of Nevada, Reno, and
28 the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, the courses which are offered to
29 students who participate in the Consortium's academic program have been
30 developed to reflect accurately those of the University and Community
31 College System of Nevada; and

32 WHEREAS, These courses extend and enhance the curriculum of the
33 University and Community College System of Nevada and include courses
34 in foreign languages such as Spanish, French, Italian, German, Basque,
35 Thai, Chinese, Czech and Hebrew, traditional courses such as political
36 science, history, education, anthropology, international business and
37 economics, literature and ecology, and such exotic courses as aeronautical
38 engineering, marine geoscience and laser physics; and

39 WHEREAS, The University Studies Abroad Consortium adds a valuable
40 dimension to international relations as well as to the University and
41 Community College System of Nevada; now, therefore, be it

42 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY
43 CONCURRING, That the members of the 71st session of the Nevada
44 Legislature hereby honor the University Studies Abroad Consortium within
45 the University and Community College System of Nevada as an
46 organization that has provided and continues to provide many professors
47 who are employed in the System with an invaluable opportunity to teach
48 abroad and hundreds of students being educated in the State of Nevada
49 with a unique opportunity to study abroad, thereby providing these college



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- 1 students with the skills, knowledge and worldly experience necessary to
- 2 participate successfully in the world of the future; and be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy
- 4 of this resolution to Dr. Carmelo Urza, Director, University Studies Abroad
- 5 Consortium, University of Nevada, Reno.

