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

WHEREAS, The University Studies Abroad Consortium was established in 1982 by Drs. Joseph N. Crowley and William A. Douglass of the University of Nevada, Reno, and by Drs. John Barnes and Pat Bieter of Boise State University; and

WHEREAS, The physical resources and the academic context for the Consortium were provided by the University of the Basque Country in Spain; and

WHEREAS, The mission of the Consortium was to create an academic program for university students from America abroad in the Basque Country; and

WHEREAS, The University of Nevada, Reno, with its Basque Studies Program, Boise State University, with its Basque population, and the University of the Basque Country were logical participants in such an enterprise; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 71st session of the Nevada Legislature hereby honor the University Studies Abroad Consortium within the University and Community College System of Nevada as an organization that has provided and continues to provide many professors who are employed in the System with an invaluable opportunity to teach abroad and hundreds of students being educated in the State of Nevada with a unique opportunity to study abroad, thereby providing these college students with the skills, knowledge and worldly experience necessary to participate successfully in the world of the future; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Carmelo Urza, Director, University Studies Abroad Consortium, University of Nevada, Reno.