

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7—COMMITTEE ON
LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS AND OPERATIONS

MARCH 7, 2001

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Urges United States Department of State to approve establishment of Mexican Consulate in Las Vegas. (BDR R-1148)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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

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- 1 WHEREAS, Hispanic settlers from Mexico were the first ethnic group to
2 arrive in the territory that now encompasses the State of Nevada, predating
3 all except the Native Americans; and
4 WHEREAS, The Hispanic cultural influence is strong in this state, dating
5 back to 1829 when Mexican scout Rafael Rivera discovered an area that
6 was officially named Las Vegas which is Spanish for “The Meadows”; and
7 WHEREAS, Since their first arrival to the region, Hispanics have forged
8 a rich legacy in this state and contributed greatly to its growth and
9 development; and
10 WHEREAS, In the past 10 years, not only was Nevada the fastest
11 growing state in the nation, but Southern Nevada’s Hispanic population,
12 most of which is of Mexican descent, has grown to account for more than
13 14 percent of the population in Southern Nevada, thus making the Las
14 Vegas Valley one of the top five areas of Hispanic population in the
15 country; and
16 WHEREAS, It is estimated that by the year 2010 this state can expect to
17 have a Hispanic population of 20 percent, mainly concentrated in the Las
18 Vegas Valley; and
19 WHEREAS, Since the Las Vegas Valley is today experiencing expansive
20 and diversified growth in our demographic makeup and economic pursuits,
21 and Mexico is our neighboring country and partner in business, trade and
22 tourism, it is essential we provide for the best means of ongoing
23 communication, safeguards and service to our residents and visitors from
24 Nevada and the country of Mexico; and



1 WHEREAS, The Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs is considering Las
2 Vegas, Nevada, as a potential location for a consulate; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA,
4 JOINTLY, That the members of the 71st session of the Nevada Legislature
5 do hereby urge the United States Department of State to approve the
6 establishment of a Mexican Consulate in Las Vegas to provide the best
7 means for assisting both the residents of Southern Nevada and visitors with
8 a variety of services; and be it further

9 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy
10 of this resolution to the Secretary of State of the United States Department
11 of State, the Chief of Protocol of the United States Department of State; the
12 Chief of the Bureau of Consular Affairs of the United States Department of
13 State and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

