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EMERGENCY REQUEST OF SPEAKER OF THE ASSEMBLY

ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 23—ASSEMBLYMEN  
PERKINS, ANDERSON, ANDONOV, ANGLE, ARBERRY,  
ATKINSON, BEERS, BROWN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER,  
CHOWNING, CHRISTENSEN, CLABORN, COLLINS, CONKLIN,  
GEDDES, GIBBONS, GIUNCHIGLIANI, GOICOECHEA,  
GOLDWATER, GRADY, GRIFFIN, GUSTAVSON, HARDY,  
HETTRICK, HORNE, KNECHT, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MABEY,  
MANENDO, MARVEL, MCCLAIN, MCCLEARY,  
MORTENSON, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARKS, PIERCE,  
SHERER, WEBER AND WILLIAMS

MAY 9, 2003

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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS O'CONNELL, AMODEI, CARE,  
CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, HARDY, MATHEWS,  
MCGINNESS, NEAL, NOLAN, RAGGIO, RAWSON, RHOADS,  
SCHNEIDER, SHAFFER, TIFFANY, TITUS, TOWNSEND,  
WASHINGTON AND WIENER

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Congratulates City of Henderson upon celebration of  
its 50th Anniversary. (BDR R-1345)

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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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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Congratulating the  
City of Henderson upon the celebration of its 50th  
Anniversary.

- 1 WHEREAS, The City of Henderson was “born in America’s
- 2 defense” in an effort to supply the United States War Department
- 3 with critical magnesium, the “miracle metal,” for ammunition and
- 4 fighter planes to assist the Allies during World War II; and
- 5 WHEREAS, In 1947, when vast quantities of magnesium were no
- 6 longer needed, the United States War Asset Administration actually



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1 offered the area now known as Henderson for sale as war-surplus  
2 property; and

3 WHEREAS, In an effort to save the area, the Nevada Legislature  
4 spent a weekend visiting Henderson to evaluate the possibility of the  
5 State's administration of the Basic Magnesium Plant; and

6 WHEREAS, Within days of the visit, the Legislators unanimously  
7 approved a bill giving the Colorado River Commission of Nevada  
8 the authority to purchase the industrial plant, and on March 27,  
9 1947, Governor Vail Pittman signed the bill which ultimately saved  
10 the area from becoming war-surplus property; and

11 WHEREAS, On April 16, 1953, District Judge A. S. Henderson  
12 signed the official incorporation papers creating the City of  
13 Henderson, named for United States Senator Charles Belknap  
14 Henderson; and

15 WHEREAS, The City of Henderson originally included  
16 approximately 13 square miles with a population of 7,410, and  
17 today it encompasses nearly 94 square miles of incorporated land  
18 and has a population in excess of 210,000; and

19 WHEREAS, From its humble beginnings, the City of Henderson  
20 today is the second largest city in Nevada and is nationally known  
21 for its premier parks, master-planned residential communities and  
22 high quality of life, and for the thousands of new residents who  
23 move there each year, the City of Henderson is truly "living the  
24 American Dream"; and

25 WHEREAS, The City of Henderson boasts 7 public golf courses,  
26 an award-winning parks and recreation system with over 40  
27 developed parks totaling more than 620 acres, senior and recreation  
28 centers, ball fields, tennis courts, trails and equestrian parks and 10  
29 aquatic venues throughout the City; and

30 WHEREAS, With nationally accredited Police and Fire  
31 Departments, Henderson has also been recognized as one of the "50  
32 Safest Cities in the United States" by *Money* magazine, one of the  
33 50 most "kid friendly" towns in America and was recently named as  
34 one of the best places to retire in America; and

35 WHEREAS, Educational excellence abounds in the City with its  
36 22 elementary schools, 7 junior high and middle schools, 5 high  
37 schools, its own newly created state college and a variety of other  
38 public and private institutions; and

39 WHEREAS, An increasing number of upscale resorts and hotels  
40 have also discovered the warmth and charm of the City of  
41 Henderson, including the Hyatt at Lake Las Vegas, Sunset Station,  
42 the Fiesta, Green Valley Ranch Resort and the newly-opened Ritz  
43 Carlton, in addition to the already successful businesses within the  
44 City, including Ethel M Chocolates, Levi-Strauss, L'eggs, Ocean  
45 Spray and Good Humor-Breyers; and



1 WHEREAS, What began as a small town in 1953, born of  
2 patriotism and pride, has truly blossomed into one of the premier  
3 cities in America; and

4 WHEREAS, The City of Henderson is celebrating its 50th  
5 Anniversary throughout 2003 with patriotic events, parades,  
6 memorials and other activities commemorating its heritage,  
7 tremendous progress and continuing high quality of life for its  
8 residents; and

9 WHEREAS, The City of Henderson, the largest full-service city  
10 in Southern Nevada, continues to be a shining example of efficiency  
11 and small town values that have helped build and shape this great  
12 state; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE  
14 SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the 72nd Session of  
15 the Nevada Legislature do hereby congratulate the City of  
16 Henderson on its 50th Anniversary and commend the City for  
17 providing and maintaining an outstanding quality of life for its  
18 residents while earning the distinction of becoming the fastest  
19 growing city in America; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the City of Henderson is hereby urged to  
21 continue its tremendous legacy of service to our nation, our state  
22 and its residents, and may it continue to grow and flourish as one of  
23 the bright stars of success in the State of Nevada; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and  
25 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Mayor of the City of  
26 Henderson, James B. Gibson, City Council Members Jack Clark,  
27 Amanda Cyphers, Andy Hafen and Steve Kirk and City Manager  
28 Phil Speight.

