

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, Ocegüera, Ohrenschall, Parks, Pierce, Sherer, Weber and Williams

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

WHEREAS, The City of Henderson was “born in America’s defense” in an effort to supply the United States War Department with critical magnesium, the “miracle metal,” for ammunition and fighter planes to assist the Allies during World War II; and

WHEREAS, In 1947, when vast quantities of magnesium were no longer needed, the United States War Asset Administration actually offered the area now known as Henderson for sale as war-surplus property; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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