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SUMMARY—Supports Mesquite Project, an international
aerospace and defense industry showcase and
technology exposition, at Mesquite Airport.
(BDR R-1108)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Supporting the
Mesquite Project, an international aerospace and defense
industry showcase and technology exposition, at the
Mesquite Airport.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Mesquite Project will establish a world-class
- 2 international aerospace and defense industry showcase and
- 3 technology exposition which will be the first of its kind in North
- 4 America and which will emphasize North American technology,
- 5 celebrate the history of powered flight, focus on the future
- 6 implications of space-age technology and inspire a new generation
- 7 of technology pioneers; and



1 WHEREAS, The global aerospace and defense industry revenue
2 totaled nearly \$265 billion in 1999, with the United States' portion
3 generating \$144 billion in 2000, achieving a 54-percent market
4 share and employing in excess of 780,000 people; and

5 WHEREAS, Experts in the industry agree that large international
6 air shows are critical to the success of aerospace companies in the
7 global market and provide companies the most cost-effective
8 method of reaching a broad base of global customers; and

9 WHEREAS, Aerospace is an industry whose products cannot be
10 easily or practically demonstrated everywhere potential markets
11 exist, and western European countries now dominate international
12 aerospace and defense trade shows by hosting them on their home
13 soil; and

14 WHEREAS, The Mesquite Project, by hosting a showcase event
15 in North America, will provide a long overdue, cost-effective
16 alternative to American aerospace companies now participating in
17 western European marketing shows and will serve to significantly
18 expand, develop and diversify our local and state economy by
19 attracting new industries and by expanding existing industries; and

20 WHEREAS, The Las Vegas area is one of only two possible
21 locations in North America capable of hosting the 10-day event,
22 thanks to its international reputation as a first-class destination, its
23 predictable climate, its ability to accommodate the approximately
24 600,000-plus room nights that will be required, and its construction
25 of a new airport customized specifically to accommodate the
26 Project; and

27 WHEREAS, The Mesquite Project will provide corporations,
28 governments, institutions and industries unique opportunities to
29 showcase their integral roles in developing and advancing aerospace
30 technology; and

31 WHEREAS, The Mesquite Project will include educational
32 forums, civilian and military flight demonstrations, and international
33 trade symposiums and will create a permanent year-round attraction,
34 including a permanent science center with an IMAX theater, a
35 technology museum and a future youth science academy; and

36 WHEREAS, These events will further expand our existing tourist
37 economy and will act as a catalyst in attracting technological and
38 other aerospace-related industries which will offer rewarding and
39 exciting careers to educated and motivated Nevada residents; and

40 WHEREAS, The Mesquite Project will provide a year-round
41 venue for other aviation events, such as air races and air shows that,
42 when taken together, have the second largest number of spectators
43 in North America, an estimated 18 million per year, ranking only
44 behind Major League Baseball; and



1 WHEREAS, The Mesquite Project has been founded and will be
2 accomplished with the same spirit and determination shown by the
3 Wright brothers in 1903, Charles Lindbergh in 1927, Amelia Earhart
4 in 1932, Chuck Yeager in 1947 and Neil Armstrong in 1969, and is
5 destined to become one of aviation's triumphs; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
7 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 72nd Session of
8 the Nevada Legislature commend the efforts of the City of Mesquite
9 and its Airport Advisory Task Force in developing and supporting
10 the Mesquite Project; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the commitment, innovation and determination
12 by all those involved in the Mesquite Project is exemplary of the
13 true Nevada spirit; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature recognizes the
15 potential for positive and long-term economic benefit to the State
16 and the Nation and enthusiastically encourages the continued
17 development of the Mesquite Project; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
19 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Mayor, City Council and
20 Airport Advisory Task Force of the City of Mesquite, Nevada.

