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SUMMARY—Commends Frank Lamping Elementary School on its visionary and ambitious science program. (BDR R-1148)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commending Frank Lamping Elementary School on its visionary and ambitious science program.

1 WHEREAS, Frank Lamping Elementary School, located in
2 Henderson, Nevada, is involving the entire community in its
3 mission to give its students an advantage in science by planting the
4 seeds of inquiry early and by exposing children to hands-on
5 experiments that allow them to see, touch, taste and smell the
6 wonders of science at an early age; and

7 WHEREAS, On November 14, 2000, the Frank Lamping
8 Elementary School opened its Christa McAuliffe Observatory, built
9 with a grant procured by science teacher Cathy Grimes from the



1 Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program, providing the students,
2 teachers and the community the ability to view the planets and stars;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, In the fall of 2004, the administration, faculty, staff
5 and parents and friends of students at the Frank Lamping
6 Elementary School raised nearly \$90,000 to bring the Space
7 Explorers Program developed by the Total Learning Research
8 Institute to southern Nevada; and

9 WHEREAS, The Space Explorers Program uses a three-quarters
10 scale working model of the space shuttle cockpit and its
11 corresponding mission control center to teach students teamwork
12 strategies, communication skills, critical thinking, problem solving
13 and decision making as they experience firsthand the tasks of shuttle
14 pilots and mission control technicians; and

15 WHEREAS, The Frank Lamping Elementary School is now in the
16 process of raising funds to build a 4,300 square foot science center
17 and has formed a partnership with Barry and Audrey McCool of Las
18 Vegas to honor their son, William McCool, space shuttle
19 *Columbia's* pilot, by naming the future center the William McCool
20 Science Center, a fitting memorial to William's plans to teach
21 students the wonders of science when he retired from the National
22 Aeronautics and Space Administration; and

23 WHEREAS, In the William McCool Science Center, students will
24 become astronauts as they fly a model space shuttle cockpit with the
25 help of a mission control station, astronomers as they study the stars
26 and planets using the telescopes and planetarium, scientists as they
27 experiment with biology, chemistry and physics in the science labs,
28 paleontologists as they dig in the outdoor digging station and
29 botanists as they compare and contrast the plant life in the tri-desert
30 garden; and

31 WHEREAS, Implanting a love of learning and providing the tools
32 to fuel the excitement that comes with increased knowledge are two
33 of the greatest gifts we can give to the children of our nation as we
34 prepare them to take on productive and satisfying lives in our
35 society; now, therefore, be it

36 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
37 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 73rd Session of
38 the Nevada Legislature commend the vision and ambition of the
39 administrators, faculty, staff and parents and friends of students at
40 Frank Lamping Elementary School as they continue to create a
41 visionary and ambitious science program; and be it further

42 RESOLVED, That the residents of Nevada applaud the dedicated
43 educators at Frank Lamping Elementary School who realize that
44 instilling a love of science in children at the elementary school level



- 1 strengthens the chance that some students will maintain that interest
- 2 and eventually choose careers in scientific fields; and be it further
- 3 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
- 4 transmit a copy of this resolution to Michael O’Dowd, Principal of
- 5 Frank Lamping Elementary School.



