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

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

WHEREAS, On November 14, 2000, the Frank Lamping Elementary School opened its Christa McAuliffe Observatory, built with a grant procured by science teacher Cathy Grimes from the Christa McAuliffe Fellowship Program, providing the students, teachers and the community the ability to view the planets and stars; and

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

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

WHEREAS, The Frank Lamping Elementary School is now in the process of raising funds to build a 4,300 square foot science center and has formed a partnership with Barry and Audrey McCool of Las Vegas to honor their son, William McCool, space shuttle

Columbia's pilot, by naming the future center the William McCool Science Center, a fitting memorial to William's plans to teach students the wonders of science when he retired from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration; and

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

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

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

RESOLVED, That the residents of Nevada applaud the dedicated educators at Frank Lamping Elementary School who realize that instilling a love of science in children at the elementary school level strengthens the chance that some students will maintain that interest and eventually choose careers in scientific fields; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Michael O'Dowd, Principal of Frank Lamping Elementary School.