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SUMMARY—Expresses support for international education and foreign exchange student programs. (BDR R-1451)

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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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- 1 WHEREAS, International education is a crucial component of
- 2 higher education in Nevada which contributes to the economy of the
- 3 State and to a diverse college environment, and enhances both
- 4 academic and cocurricular programs; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Because tourism and foreign trade are key sectors
- 6 projected to improve Nevada's economic future in the next decade,
- 7 it is critical that this State promote mutual understanding between
- 8 Nevadans and citizens of other countries through international
- 9 education programs at its colleges and universities; and



1 WHEREAS, The foundation of international education is the  
2 exchange of students and scholars from other countries, and proof  
3 that Nevada is committed to encouraging students from other  
4 countries to study in this State is evidenced by the fact that in the  
5 2002-2003 academic year Nevada ranked third among the  
6 "Mountain States" region, consisting of Colorado, Utah, Nevada,  
7 Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, in numbers of international students,  
8 with 2,702 such students enrolled in its colleges and universities;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Because, as the fastest growing State in the nation,  
11 Nevada draws many new immigrants who bring with them their  
12 diverse talents and perspectives, Nevada's institutions of higher  
13 learning must provide the necessary skills, knowledge and training  
14 for them to be successful citizens, as well as provide all students  
15 with the opportunity to acquire the intercultural skills to interact  
16 effectively within a multicultural context; and

17 WHEREAS, International education includes curricular offerings  
18 that teach foreign languages, address global issues and provide in-  
19 depth understanding of other cultures, utilizes citizens of other  
20 countries in formal and informal settings as teaching resources, and  
21 recognizes that the development of new knowledge, the best  
22 research and technological breakthroughs require international  
23 collaboration; and

24 WHEREAS, With today's increasingly complex international  
25 trade relations, concern for the preservation of our global ecology  
26 and the constant goal of world peace, the promotion and support of  
27 international education becomes increasingly important to our  
28 national security, foreign policy, economic competitiveness and  
29 capacity for tolerance; and

30 WHEREAS, Former President Clinton issued an Executive  
31 Memorandum on International Education on April 19, 2000, in  
32 which he called upon educational institutions, state and local  
33 governments, nongovernmental organizations and the business  
34 community to contribute to a coherent and coordinated international  
35 education strategy that "will help us meet the twin challenges of  
36 preparing our citizens for a global environment while continuing to  
37 attract and educate future leaders from abroad"; now, therefore, be it

38 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE  
39 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature hereby  
40 recognizes that the international students and scholars of this State  
41 contribute significantly to the cultural diversity of Nevada's  
42 educational institutions and, through their representation, they  
43 enhance the educational experience of all students while making  
44 important contributions, and thereby supports the participation of  
45 Nevada's students, teachers, administrators and educational



1 policymakers in international studies, international exchange  
2 programs and other activities that advance cultural awareness and  
3 promote mutual understanding and respect for the citizens of other  
4 countries; and be it further

5 RESOLVED, That Nevada's colleges and universities are  
6 encouraged to:

7 1. Develop courses of study in as many fields as possible to  
8 increase students' understanding of global issues and cultural  
9 differences;

10 2. Further develop courses in foreign languages to prepare  
11 students to seek careers in a global marketplace and enhance their  
12 understanding of other nations' values;

13 3. Provide opportunities for students in all majors to participate  
14 in programs to study abroad to enrich their academic training,  
15 intercultural perspectives and personal development;

16 4. Provide opportunities for domestic and international students  
17 to interact effectively and routinely to share their views, perceptions  
18 and experiences; and

19 5. Develop innovative public educational forums and venues to  
20 explore global issues and showcase world cultures; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That the importance of international education and  
22 foreign exchange student programs can be summed up in a  
23 statement made by former Secretary of State Colin Powell on  
24 November 11, 2003, in commemoration of International Education  
25 Week, sponsored by the United States Department of State and  
26 Department of Education to celebrate the benefits of international  
27 education and exchange worldwide: "International education,  
28 learning about other cultures and languages through study, living  
29 overseas, and interacting with people of other countries, promotes  
30 the free exchange of ideas, allows us to seek joint solutions to  
31 problems, and helps create lasting partnerships to meet our shared  
32 concerns"; and be it further

33 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and  
34 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chancellor of the University  
35 and Community College System and each member of the Board of  
36 Regents.



