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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Congratulating Ryan Moore for his amateur and collegiate victories in golf.

WHEREAS, Ryan Moore, a self-taught player who has been carrying a golf club since he could walk, is currently the top-ranked individual golfer in Division I of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the top-ranked men's amateur golfer in the country; and

WHEREAS, Ryan left behind an amazing high school career in Puyallup, Washington, to play golf for the Rebels at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, and will soon be defending his 2004 NCAA Division I Golf Championship; and

WHEREAS, This year as a Rebel, Ryan led the Mountain West Conference, and the nation, with a 68.95 scoring average, was selected to the Mountain West Conference's All-Conference Team for the fourth time, was named Player of the Year for the second time, won three of the seven tournaments he played in and finished in the top six in the other four, becoming the winningest golfer in the history of the UNLV golf program, and, for the third time, is one of three finalists for the prestigious Ben Hogan Award, which is presented to the top collegiate men's golfer annually; and

WHEREAS, Ryan's game this year, and that of his teammates, has led the Rebels to a number four national ranking and a top-seed at the NCAA West Regional which begins on May 19 at Stanford Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, Not only has Ryan excelled in collegiate golf, he has also excelled as an amateur, most recently as the top amateur at the Masters Championship in Augusta, Georgia, tying for 13th overall in his second appearance at the tournament; and

WHEREAS, In 2004, not only did Ryan win nine amateur and collegiate events, he posted a 68.79 scoring average and his "worst"

round all year was a 73, which is 1 over par on most golf courses; and

WHEREAS, Ryan set a new standard in amateur golf during the summer of 2004 by winning five major amateur championships, the U.S. Amateur Championship, Western Amateur Golf Championship, NCAA Championship, Sahalee Players Championship and U.S. Amateur Public Links, a winning streak that is widely hailed as the greatest amateur season of the modern era; and

WHEREAS, After the summer of 2004, Ryan returned to UNLV for his senior year, an impressive decision considering he could have entered the PGA Tour as a professional, but he made a commitment to UNLV and he wanted to honor that commitment; and

WHEREAS, Not only has Ryan demonstrated remarkable strength of character and succeeded on the golf course, he has also maintained academic integrity, earning a 3.7 grade point average last semester and Academic All-Mountain West Conference honors in 2002, 2003 and 2004, and was also named a Cleveland Golf All-America Scholar last year by the Golf Coaches Association of America; and

WHEREAS, Following graduation from UNLV, Ryan will be competing in the U.S. Open at Pinehurst in June and the British Open at St. Andrews in July; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada Legislature hereby congratulate Ryan Moore for his successes as an amateur golfer and with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature hereby commends Ryan Moore for his dedication to excellence and his honesty and integrity in returning to UNLV for his final season of golf as a UNLV Rebel; and be it further

RESOLVED, That best wishes and high hopes are hereby extended to Ryan Moore for the remainder of the UNLV golf season and for a successful career as a professional golfer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to Ryan Moore.