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SUMMARY—Congratulates the Center for Basque Studies at the  
University of Nevada, Reno, on the occasion of its  
40th anniversary. (BDR R-1483)

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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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Center for Basque Studies at the University of Nevada,  
Reno, on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

- 1 WHEREAS, In 1967, the Center for Basque Studies, which at that
- 2 time was called the Basque Studies Program, was established within
- 3 the Desert Research Institute to investigate the role long played by
- 4 Basque sheepherders as the key human factor in the ecology of the
- 5 Great Basin and to encourage American scholarship concerning one
- 6 of Europe's most fascinating peoples and their contribution to the
- 7 ethnic heritage of the American West; and



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1 WHEREAS, In 1972, the Basque Studies Program became part of  
2 the University of Nevada, Reno, where it was renamed the Center  
3 for Basque Studies in 2000 to more clearly reflect its research  
4 mission; and

5 WHEREAS, The Center for Basque Studies is a research center  
6 whose primary mission is to further Basque-related study by  
7 conducting, facilitating and publishing original Basque-related  
8 research in the humanities and social sciences, and whose success in  
9 this mission is evidenced by scholars affiliated with the Center  
10 having published works in migration and diaspora studies,  
11 anthropology, history, women's studies, cultural studies, literature,  
12 bibliography and lexicography; and

13 WHEREAS, The Center for Basque Studies, recognizing from the  
14 beginning that a world-class library is essential to its research  
15 mission, has continued to expand its collections from the initial 750  
16 items obtained by the late Robert Laxalt from the personal library of  
17 a noted European scholar until the Basque Studies Library now  
18 includes over 50,000 volumes of published material as well as  
19 thousands of unpublished items, including diaries, letters, oral  
20 histories, photographs, musical recordings, Basque-language films,  
21 and even examples of tree trunks that carry the distinctive carvings  
22 of Basque shepherders, all of which make the Basque Studies  
23 Library one of the best collections of Basque-related material in the  
24 world; and

25 WHEREAS, The Center for Basque Studies includes instruction  
26 as part of its mission and offers courses that allow undergraduates to  
27 minor in Basque studies and more mature scholars to earn the  
28 degree of doctor of philosophy at the University of Nevada, Reno,  
29 and in collaboration with other universities, conducts a program that  
30 enables students to study and live in the Basque Country of Europe;  
31 now, therefore, be it

32 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE  
33 SENATE CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada  
34 Legislature congratulate the Center for Basque Studies on the  
35 occasion of its 40th anniversary and also extend to the Center their  
36 wish that there be many more anniversaries to come; and be it  
37 further

38 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and  
39 transmit a copy of this resolution to Dr. Gloria P. Totoricagüena, the  
40 Director of the Center for Basque Studies at the University of  
41 Nevada, Reno.

