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ASSEMBLY CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Congratulating the Center for Basque Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno, on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

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

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

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

WHEREAS, The Center for Basque Studies, recognizing from the beginning that a world-class library is essential to its research mission, has continued to expand its collections from the initial 750 items obtained by the late Robert Laxalt from the personal library of a noted European scholar until the Basque Studies Library now includes over 50,000 volumes of published material as well as



thousands of unpublished items, including diaries, letters, oral histories, photographs, musical recordings, Basque-language films, and even examples of tree trunks that carry the distinctive carvings of Basque sheepherders, all of which make the Basque Studies Library one of the best collections of Basque-related material in the world; and

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

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

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

