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SUMMARY—Honors Richard J. Morgan on his retirement as the Dean of the William S. Boyd School of Law. (BDR R-1501)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ***omitted material*** is material to be omitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Honoring Richard J. Morgan on his retirement as the Dean of the William S. Boyd School of Law.

- 1 WHEREAS, Richard J. Morgan earned his bachelor of arts degree
2 in political science at the University of California, Berkeley, and his
3 juris doctor degree at the University of California, Los Angeles,
4 practiced with a private law firm for nearly a decade, and served as
5 Professor of Law, Associate Dean and Dean of the Arizona State
6 University College of Law and as Dean at the University of
7 Wyoming College of Law; and
8 WHEREAS, When Richard Morgan was hired in 1997 as the
9 Dean of the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of



1 Nevada, Las Vegas, there was no law school, no building, no
2 library, no curriculum, no policies or procedures, no faculty and no
3 students, and the school's first facility was an aged elementary
4 school which was vacated only 2 months before the opening of the
5 law school, but Dean Morgan had an extraordinary three-pronged
6 vision for this new and daunting undertaking; and

7 WHEREAS, First, this would be an excellent, first-rate law
8 school, not just one that would meet minimal accreditation
9 standards; and

10 WHEREAS, Second, this would be Nevada's law school, one that
11 serves all of Nevada and is available to people of all economic
12 circumstances; and

13 WHEREAS, Third, this law school would be deeply committed to
14 providing service to the community because, for Dean Morgan,
15 service lies at the very core of the legal profession, and therefore
16 service needs to be at the core of legal education, and he regards the
17 legal profession as one that protects individual rights, provides
18 leadership, and resolves or avoids disputes in an ethical and
19 professional manner; and

20 WHEREAS, To bring his dream to fruition, Dean Morgan rallied
21 the leaders of the State by talking to Legislators, judges, bar
22 associations, law firms and community leaders about the importance
23 of having a leading law school in Nevada; and

24 WHEREAS, Recognizing that people are the heart of any great
25 endeavor, Dean Morgan set about attracting the best faculty and
26 students and a dedicated staff to support them; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
28 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 74th Nevada
29 Legislature honor Dean Richard J. Morgan for his extraordinary
30 vision and his dedication in committing to make the William S.
31 Boyd School of Law an exceptional school, as evidenced by its
32 recent ranking as one of the top 100 law schools in the country by
33 *U.S. News & World Report*; and be it further

34 RESOLVED, That the members of the Legislature congratulate
35 Dean Morgan as he retires after 10 years as Dean of the William S.
36 Boyd School of Law and 20 years as a dedicated educator and dean;
37 and be it further

38 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
39 transmit a copy of this resolution to Dean Richard J. Morgan.

