

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 7—
SENATORS DENIS AND ROBERSON

APRIL 30, 2013

JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN KIRKPATRICK,
HICKEY AND HORNE

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Expresses determination of the Nevada Legislature that Nevada is an optimal location for unmanned aircraft system development and testing. (BDR R-1222)

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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, The State of Nevada has a long and distinguished
2 history of directly contributing to the national security and defense
3 of the United States of America; and

4 WHEREAS, This State is indebted to the dedicated and selfless
5 men and women assigned to Fallon Naval Air Station, Creech Air
6 Force Base, Nellis Air Force Base and auxiliary fields, and the
7 Reserve and National Guard units across the State; and

8 WHEREAS, The State of Nevada's military operations have
9 attracted the aerospace, defense and national security industry to
10 Nevada, and have led to increased technological advances and
11 important supporting relationships with our universities, research
12 laboratories and technical colleges; and

13 WHEREAS, National security and defense sectors are
14 increasingly important to Nevada's economy, as they provide and
15 support approximately 190,000 jobs and generate more than \$18
16 billion in revenue; and



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1 WHEREAS, The aforesaid economic impact of military
2 operations would not have been possible without the past and
3 continuing congressional, state and local support; and

4 WHEREAS, Our military investments, military expertise,
5 technically trained workforce and geographic and climatic diversity
6 have positioned the State of Nevada well to retain its military
7 operations and compete for next-generation technology projects; and

8 WHEREAS, Remotely piloted aircraft, cyberspace and
9 intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission areas will be
10 high-priority areas of defense and national security budgets; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
13 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 77th Session of
14 the Nevada Legislature hereby endorse the promotion of efforts to
15 support the establishment of Nevada as the "Silicon Valley" of
16 unmanned aircraft systems education, testing, research and
17 manufacture; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That:

19 1. As military spending continues to be downsized in the
20 foreseeable future, the State of Nevada must look to find ways to
21 sustain and expand its direct support of the national security and
22 defense sectors;

23 2. This State should specifically leverage its Congressional and
24 State Leadership, current military expertise, technical workforce,
25 geographical, climate diversity and vast aerospace to provide a
26 concerted effort to aggressively pursue the high-priority
27 requirements of the United States Department of Defense and the
28 Federal Aviation Administration;

29 3. The State of Nevada must compete to be selected as one or
30 more of the six national test ranges under the 2012 National Defense
31 Authorization Act that directs the Federal Aviation Administration
32 in coordination with the United States Department of Defense, and
33 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration to determine
34 how to safely operate unmanned aircraft systems in shared national
35 airspace; and

36 4. The creation of these test ranges will mark the first step in
37 what will undoubtedly be a long-range process, leading to a
38 common-day occurrence in which manned and unmanned aircraft
39 fly safely and seamlessly together in the national airspace; and be it
40 further

41 RESOLVED, That Nevada is an optimal location for unmanned
42 aircraft system development and testing, and would be honored to
43 be one of the sites selected for such testing and development.

