

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7–
Senators Denis and Roberson

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Expressing the determination of the Nevada Legislature that Nevada is the optimal location for unmanned aircraft system development and testing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby endorse the promotion of efforts to support the establishment of Nevada as the “Silicon Valley” of



unmanned aircraft systems education, testing, research and manufacture; and be it further

RESOLVED, That:

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

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

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

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

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

