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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Commemorates the 50th anniversary of the Nevada Desert Research Institute. (BDR R-1268)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Nevada Desert Research Institute.

- 1 WHEREAS, The Desert Research Institute was established by an
2 act of the Nevada Legislature on March 23, 1959, to contribute to
3 the security of the nation and to promote the general welfare of the
4 State of Nevada and its residents through the development of
5 educational and scientific research; and
6 WHEREAS, The Desert Research Institute is celebrating its 50th
7 year as a leading institution for research in atmospheric, hydrologic,
8 and earth and ecosystem sciences, with approximately 300 research
9 projects at any given time on every continent; and



1 WHEREAS, While fostering and conducting fundamental
2 scientific, economic, social and educational research for half a
3 century, the Institute has made numerous milestone contributions to
4 science and engineering; and

5 WHEREAS, The Desert Research Institute is ranked 19th in the
6 nation by the National Science Foundation in environmental
7 research and developmental expenditures; and

8 WHEREAS, Bringing scientific renown to the State of Nevada,
9 the Institute's entrepreneurial, untenured research scientists conduct
10 research worldwide from their main campuses in Reno and Las
11 Vegas, while encouraging and fostering a desire in students to
12 conduct research; and

13 WHEREAS, Desert Research Institute President Stephen G.
14 Wells, Ph.D., has led the Institute through a decade of tremendous
15 growth in research sciences pertaining to air, water, land and life;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Atmospheric physicist, John Hallett, Ph.D., is a
18 Fellow of the American Meteorological Society, holds the Desert
19 Research Institute's Edgar J. Marston Professorship of Atmospheric
20 Physics, is a recipient of the Desert Research Institute's Dandini
21 Medal of Science in 1995 and the University of Nevada Board of
22 Regents' Researcher Award in 1998, and has brought great honor
23 and distinction to himself, the Institute and the State of Nevada
24 through his groundbreaking investigations of the properties of
25 precipitation, particularly ice crystals, since joining the Institute in
26 1966; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
28 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Session of
29 the Nevada Legislature proclaim March 23, 2009, as a day in honor
30 of the Nevada Desert Research Institute; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature commends the
32 scientific goals and achievements of the Nevada Desert Research
33 Institute and wishes the Institute continued success in scientific
34 research and exploration and in the discovery and development of
35 new talent to conduct research; and be it further

36 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
37 transmit a copy of this resolution to Stephen G. Wells, Ph.D.,
38 President, Desert Research Institute, and John Hallett, Ph.D.

