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

WHEREAS, The Desert Research Institute was established by an act of the Nevada Legislature on March 23, 1959, to contribute to the security of the nation and to promote the general welfare of the State of Nevada and its residents through the development of educational and scientific research; and

WHEREAS, The Desert Research Institute is celebrating its 50th year as a leading institution for research in atmospheric, hydrologic, and earth and ecosystem sciences, with approximately 300 research projects at any given time on every continent; and

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

