

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 22—SENATORS CEGAVSKE; AMODEI, BREEDEN, CARE, CARLTON, COFFIN, COPENING, HARDY, HORSFORD, LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, PARKS, RAGGIO, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON, WIENER AND WOODHOUSE

APRIL 1, 2009

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JOINT SPONSORS: ASSEMBLYMEN CHRISTENSEN; AIZLEY, ANDERSON, ARBERRY, ATKINSON, BOBZIEN, BUCKLEY, CARPENTER, CLABORN, COBB, CONKLIN, DENIS, DONDERO LOOP, GANSERT, GOEDHART, GOICOECHEA, GRADY, GUSTAVSON, HAMBRICK, HARDY, HOGAN, HORNE, KIHUEN, KIRKPATRICK, KOIVISTO, LESLIE, MANENDO, MASTROLUCA, MCARTHUR, MCCLAIN, MORTENSON, MUNFORD, OCEGUERA, OHRENSCHALL, PARNELL, PIERCE, SEGERBLOM, SETTELMAYER, SMITH, SPIEGEL, STEWART AND WOODBURY

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Encourages collaboration to increase participation in adult education programs and enrollment in college. (BDR R-746)

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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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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Encouraging the Department of Education, school districts and the Nevada System of Higher Education to increase participation in adult high school programs and enrollment in college.

- 1 WHEREAS, The most recent graduation indicators show that only
- 2 67.4 percent of Nevada’s 12th graders graduated in 2007 and 4.8
- 3 percent of all pupils dropped out of school that same year; and
- 4 WHEREAS, The Nevada Department of Education has several
- 5 programs for adults who seek additional education, including adult
- 6 basic education, English as a second language, adult high school
- 7 diploma programs and general educational development; and



1 WHEREAS, School districts in this State provide adult high  
2 school diploma programs which allow adults who did not graduate  
3 high school to obtain an adult standard diploma and to provide other  
4 educational services to adults; and

5 WHEREAS, The United States Office of Management and  
6 Budget gave Nevada's adult education program the highest rating,  
7 making Nevada only one of two adult education programs to receive  
8 the highest rating; and

9 WHEREAS, According to one study, adults who have not  
10 graduated high school earn an average of \$21,600 annually, but that  
11 amount increases to \$30,800 for high school graduates, \$37,600 for  
12 adults with an associate's degree and continues to increase with  
13 each additional level of completion of postsecondary education; and

14 WHEREAS, Attending college also corresponds with lower levels  
15 of unemployment and poverty, lower incarceration rates and higher  
16 levels of civic participation; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE  
18 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Session of  
19 the Nevada Legislature hereby recognize the importance of adult  
20 education programs in this State and continuing education beyond  
21 secondary education; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Department of Education and the  
23 school districts in this State are encouraged to work in collaboration  
24 with the Nevada System of Higher Education to increase  
25 participation in adult education programs, to increase the number of  
26 adults who obtain adult high school diplomas and to enroll those  
27 adults in a college to continue their education; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That adults who obtain an adult standard diploma  
29 are hereby encouraged to further their education by enrolling in  
30 college; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and  
32 transmit a copy of this resolution to the State Director of Adult  
33 Education, the superintendent of each school district in this State  
34 and the Director of Admissions for each college within the Nevada  
35 System of Higher Education.

