

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 22—Senators Cegavske; Amodei, Breen, Care, Carlton, Coffin, Copening, Hardy, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Parks, Raggio, Rhoads, Schneider, Townsend, Washington, Wiener and Woodhouse

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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.

WHEREAS, The most recent graduation indicators show that only 67.4 percent of Nevada’s 12th graders graduated in 2007 and 4.8 percent of all pupils dropped out of school that same year; and

WHEREAS, The Nevada Department of Education has several programs for adults who seek additional education, including adult basic education, English as a second language, adult high school diploma programs and general educational development; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Attending college also corresponds with lower levels of unemployment and poverty, lower incarceration rates and higher levels of civic participation; 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 hereby recognize the importance of adult education programs in this State and continuing education beyond secondary education; and be it further

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

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

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

