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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Memorializes former State Climatologist, John James. (BDR R-1306)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Memorializing former State Climatologist, John James.

- 1 WHEREAS, One of the last photos taken of John James, former
2 State Climatologist and University of Nevada, Reno, professor,
3 before his passing on January 15, 2007, depicts him in a t-shirt with
4 the inscription, “Mr. Weather to you,” representing his enthusiasm
5 and passion for the career path he had chosen; and
6 WHEREAS, He first became interested in weather while serving
7 as a military cartographer in Korea during the Korean War, which
8 eventually led to the work he conducted for the State of Nevada, and
9 his fascination with climate, and especially severe weather, was
10 unparalleled; and



1 WHEREAS, John moved to Nevada in 1969 to help found Sierra
2 Nevada College at Incline Village and, soon thereafter, began work
3 as a research associate for the Foresta Institute for Ocean and
4 Mountain Studies in Carson City; and

5 WHEREAS, An esteemed educator, he served for 28 years at the
6 University of Nevada, Reno, as a geography and meteorology
7 professor and also as Chair of the University's Institutional Athletic
8 Board, and of all of his commendable pursuits, he loved teaching the
9 most and often enlivened his lectures with humor; and

10 WHEREAS, This climate frontiersman was on the cutting edge in
11 the field of weather modification and became a respected authority
12 on alpine environment and climate, especially in the Sierra Nevada
13 range and the Lake Tahoe Basin; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. James was eventually appointed as the State
15 Climatologist, and in his 23 years in that capacity, he studied,
16 maintained and documented the State's weather records through a
17 network of volunteer observers in backyard weather stations
18 throughout the State, in addition to serving as Chair of the
19 Governor's Drought Review and Reporting Committee when
20 Nevada suffered through an extended drought period; and

21 WHEREAS, John was preceded in death by his wife Lois, and he
22 is survived by his sons Mark and Lee and daughter Cathy-Lee, as
23 well as five grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
25 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That members of the 75th Session of the
26 Nevada Legislature hereby express their grief for the loss of John
27 James, their sincere condolences to his beloved family and their
28 admiration and gratitude for his long service to the State of Nevada;
29 and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That Mr. James will be remembered by his family,
31 friends, colleagues and former students as a devoted father and a
32 great educator, and his legacy will continue in his career's numerous
33 accomplishments and discoveries, as well as the scholarship
34 endowment his son Mark and Mark's wife, Lori, have established to
35 support students of the atmospheric sciences and geography; and be it
36 further

37 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
38 transmit a copy of this resolution to John James's sons Mark and
39 Lee and his daughter Cathy-Lee.

