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

WHEREAS, One of the last photos taken of John James, former State Climatologist and University of Nevada, Reno, professor, before his passing on January 15, 2007, depicts him in a t-shirt with the inscription, “Mr. Weather to you,” representing his enthusiasm and passion for the career path he had chosen; and

WHEREAS, He first became interested in weather while serving as a military cartographer in Korea during the Korean War, which eventually led to the work he conducted for the State of Nevada, and his fascination with climate, and especially severe weather, was unparalleled; and

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Mr. James was eventually appointed as the State Climatologist, and in his 23 years in that capacity, he studied,



maintained and documented the State's weather records through a network of volunteer observers in backyard weather stations throughout the State, in addition to serving as Chair of the Governor's Drought Review and Reporting Committee when Nevada suffered through an extended drought period; and

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

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

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

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

