
ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 7—ASSEMBLYMEN SWANK,
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AIZLEY, BOBZIEN, COHEN, EISEN, HOGAN, MARTIN,
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JOINT SPONSORS: SENATORS SEGERBLOM, MANENDO,
JONES, SPEARMAN, PARKS; HUTCHISON AND SMITH

Referred to Committee on Natural Resources,
Agriculture, and Mining

SUMMARY—Urges recognition of the importance of mid-20th
century architecture in Nevada. (BDR R-609)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No.
Effect on the State: No.

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

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging the National Park
Service of the United States Department of the Interior to
recognize the importance of mid-20th century architecture
in Nevada and urging the Governor to proclaim May 20,
2014, as the day to acknowledge and celebrate mid-20th
century architecture in Nevada.

1 WHEREAS, In 1972, authors Robert Venturi, Denise Scott
2 Brown and Steven Izenour published an important, internationally
3 embraced benchmark of scholarship on mid-20th century
4 architecture entitled *Learning from Las Vegas*, which was revised in
5 1977 and described the pivotal role Nevada played in shaping the
6 nation’s architectural design of the mid-20th century; and
7 WHEREAS, Nevada has many examples of mid-20th century
8 architecture which are listed in the National Register of Historic
9 Places, including the Fleischmann Atmospherium Planetarium and
10 the Pioneer Theater-Auditorium, located in Reno, Nevada, and the



1 Morelli House, the John S. Park Historic District and the Berkley
2 Square neighborhood, located in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

3 WHEREAS, The “Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas” sign is
4 widely recognized throughout the world as an important icon and is
5 listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and

6 WHEREAS, The Las Vegas Strip is internationally famous as a
7 mid-20th century architectural resource and has been designated as
8 an “All-American Road” by the United States Department of
9 Transportation; and

10 WHEREAS, The former Nevada Test Site has been cited as an
11 important historic resource by the Cold War Advisory Committee
12 for the Cold War Theme Study and has potential to open a new
13 chapter in Nevada’s important contributions to mid-20th century
14 architectural history; and

15 WHEREAS, The La Concha Motel Lobby at the Neon Museum
16 has been listed in the City of Las Vegas Historic Property Register
17 and has been cited as one of the few remaining examples of classic
18 mid-20th century architecture in Las Vegas, Nevada; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2014, Nevada will celebrate its 150th anniversary
20 of statehood, which provides a time to reflect on the entire span of
21 Nevada’s history, including the more recent architectural
22 contributions of Nevada to the nation; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF
24 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 77th Session of the
25 Nevada Legislature hereby urge the National Park Service of the
26 United States Department of the Interior to recognize the importance
27 of mid-20th century architecture in Nevada and to provide all
28 available assistance in listing in the National Register of Historic
29 Places all significant examples of such architecture located in
30 Nevada; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That the Governor is hereby urged to proclaim
32 May 20, 2014, as the day to acknowledge and celebrate the
33 important examples of mid-20th century architecture in Nevada; and
34 be it further

35 RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and
36 transmit a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the United
37 States Department of the Interior, the Director of the National Park
38 Service, the Governor and each member of the Nevada
39 Congressional Delegation; and be it further

40 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon
41 passage.

