

Senate Joint Resolution No. 14—
Committee on Natural Resources

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to enact the
Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act.

WHEREAS, The Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act, H.R. 696, was recently introduced in the 113th Congress; and

WHEREAS, The intent of this proposed legislation is to promote the preservation of wilderness and develop a sustainable development plan to enable all persons to benefit from the use of land adjacent to the City of Yerington for potential commercial and industrial development, mining activities, recreational opportunities and expansion of community and cultural events; and

WHEREAS, The provisions of the Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act propose to convey federal land to the City of Yerington for the purposes of sustainable economic and industrial development; and

WHEREAS, Commercial and industrial development of the federal land would enable the community to benefit from the transportation, power and water infrastructure that would be put in place with the concurrent development of commercial and industrial operations; and

WHEREAS, The federal land proposed for conveyance to the City under the Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act is adjacent to the boundaries of the City and would be used to enhance recreational, cultural, commercial and industrial development opportunities in the City; and

WHEREAS, The provisions of the Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act propose to designate federal land as wilderness and as a component of the National Wilderness Preservation System, to be known as the “Wovoka Wilderness”; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Wovoka Wilderness is named in honor of the Northern Paiute spiritual leader and founder of the Ghost Dance, and contains landscapes and wildlife habitat that have been enjoyed by hunters, outdoor enthusiasts and explorers since John C. Fremont camped along the East Walker River in 1844; and

WHEREAS, The Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act will create an estimated 1,300 jobs and provide much needed economic development for the City of Yerington and Lyon County; and



WHEREAS, The designation of the proposed Wovoka Wilderness will preserve invaluable prehistoric cultural and natural resources, thereby preserving those resources for future generations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 77th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to enact the Lyon County Economic Development and Conservation Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.

