
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 19—
SENATOR WASHINGTON

MARCH 17, 2003

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Urges Athletic Directors of University of Nevada, Reno, and University of Nevada, Las Vegas, to schedule annual rivalry football game to coincide with observance of Nevada Day. (BDR R-884)

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

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Urging the Athletic Directors of the University of Nevada, Reno, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, to schedule the annual rivalry football game between their teams on the Saturday following the observance of Nevada Day.

1 WHEREAS, Nevada is one of only three states that annually
2 celebrates its admission to statehood, in 1864, with a state holiday,
3 and the Nevada Day Celebration in Carson City is by far the largest
4 celebration of this kind, with the Carson City parade and festivities
5 dating back to 1938; and

6 WHEREAS, Though not as long-standing a tradition as the
7 Nevada Day Celebration, the football rivalry between the University
8 of Nevada, Reno, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, is
9 nevertheless similarly popular and historic; and

10 WHEREAS, The UNR-UNLV football series is a North-South
11 “Civil War” which spans 34 years and which has been an annual
12 event since 1989; and

13 WHEREAS, The prize for the victorious team in this state
14 championship game is the famed Fremont Cannon, college
15 football’s largest and most expensive trophy; and

16 WHEREAS, The Fremont Cannon is a replica of a cannon that
17 accompanied Lieutenant John C. Fremont, one of America’s
18 foremost trailblazers, as he headed west through Nevada in 1843;
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1 WHEREAS, Combining the tradition of celebrating Nevada's
2 admission into the Union and the UNR-UNLV football rivalry
3 involving the Fremont Cannon, a symbol of exploration of Nevada,
4 would be symbolic of the pride that the residents of Nevada feel for
5 this state; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
7 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada
8 Legislature hereby urge Chris Ault and John Robinson, Athletic
9 Directors for the University of Nevada, Reno, and the University of
10 Nevada, Las Vegas, respectively, to the extent practicable, to
11 schedule the annual football game between the two schools to be
12 played on the Saturday following the observance of Nevada Day
13 pursuant to NRS 236.015; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
15 transmit a copy of this resolution to Chris Ault, Athletic Director for
16 the University of Nevada, Reno, and to John Robinson, Athletic
17 Director for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

