

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 consider feasibility of reuniting University of Nevada, Reno, and University of Nevada, Las Vegas, in same athletic conference and 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 consider the feasibility of reuniting the University of Nevada, Reno, and the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, in the same athletic conference and 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



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1 WHEREAS, The prize for the victorious team in this state
2 championship game is the famed Fremont Cannon, college
3 football's largest and most expensive trophy; and

4 WHEREAS, The Fremont Cannon is a replica of a cannon that
5 accompanied Lieutenant John C. Fremont, one of America's
6 foremost trailblazers, as he headed west through Nevada in 1843;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Combining the tradition of celebrating Nevada's
9 admission into the Union and the UNR-UNLV football rivalry
10 involving the Fremont Cannon, a symbol of exploration of Nevada,
11 would be symbolic of the pride that the residents of Nevada feel for
12 this state; and

13 WHEREAS, The Saturday following the observance of Nevada
14 Day pursuant to NRS 236.015 falls on a weekend that is typically
15 reserved for football games between universities within the same
16 athletic conference and the University of Nevada, Reno, and the
17 University of Nevada, Las Vegas, do not participate in the same
18 athletic conference; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
20 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the Nevada
21 Legislature hereby urge Chris Ault and John Robinson, Athletic
22 Directors for the University of Nevada, Reno, and the University
23 of Nevada, Las Vegas, respectively, to consider the feasibility of
24 reuniting the University of Nevada, Reno, and the University of
25 Nevada, Las Vegas, in the same athletic conference, and if the teams
26 are so reunited in the same conference, to urge the conference to
27 schedule the annual football game between the two schools to be
28 played on the Saturday following the observance of Nevada Day
29 pursuant to NRS 236.015; and be it further

30 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
31 transmit a copy of this resolution to Chris Ault, Athletic Director for
32 the University of Nevada, Reno, and to John Robinson, Athletic
33 Director for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

