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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 8—SENATOR OHRENSCHALL

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Referred to Committee on Legislative Operations and Elections

SUMMARY—Urges Congress to protect the public lands including and adjacent to Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain and the Rainbow Gardens Area. (BDR R-946)

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.

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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to protect the public lands including and adjacent to Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain and the Rainbow Gardens Area.

1 WHEREAS, The public lands including and adjacent to Sunrise  
2 Mountain, Frenchman Mountain and the Rainbow Gardens Area are  
3 undeveloped natural treasures located near the Las Vegas Valley;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, These public lands contain colorful mountain ranges  
6 rising up from the desert lowlands; and

7 WHEREAS, Gypsum Cave, which holds some of the earliest  
8 evidence of human inhabitation in the western United States and is  
9 significant to Indian tribes, is located on these public lands; and

10 WHEREAS, These public lands contain evidence of the Great  
11 Unconformity, which consists of exposed surface rock that  
12 represents more than one quarter of the history (1.2 billion years) of  
13 the Earth’s crust and tectonic plates; and

14 WHEREAS, Several plant species that have received special  
15 status designation by the Bureau of Land Management are found on  
16 these public lands; and

17 WHEREAS, Many Nevada residents enjoy the natural desert  
18 landscape and the outdoor recreational opportunities of Sunrise  
19 Mountain, Frenchman Mountain and the Rainbow Gardens Area;  
20 now, therefore, be it



1 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF  
2 NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the members of the 83rd Session of the  
3 Nevada Legislature hereby urge Congress to protect the public lands  
4 including and adjacent to Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain  
5 and the Rainbow Gardens Area by designating them for federal  
6 protection, which may include, without limitation, designating all or  
7 portions of the area as a national conservation area, national  
8 recreation area or national monument, or applying other federal  
9 protections that Congress deems appropriate for these important and  
10 scenic lands; and be it further

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

16 RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon  
17 passage.

