

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 23—Senators Woodhouse; Amodei, Breeden, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Coffin, Copening, Hardy, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Nolan, Parks, Raggio, Rhoads, Schneider, Townsend, Washington and Wiener

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the creation of Clark County.

WHEREAS, The importance of the Las Vegas Valley dates back to days before Nevada’s admission into the Union, to 1830, when Mexican trader Antonio Armijo passed through on his journey from Santa Fe to Los Angeles, and it continued to be an important stop on the Old Spanish Trail in the 1830s and 1840s and later on the California Trail during the Gold Rush in the middle of the 19th century; and

WHEREAS, In 1909, due to rapid growth in the Valley, Lincoln County was divided into two counties, and the new county was named Clark, after William Clark, the railroad entrepreneur who is often credited with helping to transform the Las Vegas area from a ranch to a town; and

WHEREAS, Lincoln County Assemblyman George Bergman of Nelson, who later would become Clark County’s first State Senator, introduced and successfully guided through the 1909 Nevada Legislature Assembly Bill No. 27, which created Clark County out of the southern part of Lincoln County, effective July 1, 1909; and

WHEREAS, One hundred years later, Clark County has become one of the fastest-growing areas in the country, home to a booming population of 2 million residents and a getaway to the 44 million tourists whom it attracts each year and who visit for the world-class entertainment, hospitality, gaming, fine dining and shopping and the world-famous Las Vegas Strip, known as the heart of the Entertainment Capital of the World; and



WHEREAS, The diverse attractions in Clark County stretch beyond The Strip and include urban and rural areas, such as the destinations of Mesquite, Primm and Laughlin, as well as the Colorado River, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, the engineering marvel Hoover Dam, Mount Charleston, Toiyabe National Forest, Red Rock Canyon, The Valley of Fire and a number of parks, museums and recreational and cultural attractions; and

WHEREAS, Clark County celebrates the 100th anniversary of its establishment this year; and

WHEREAS, Participating in the host of activities and events that will be held throughout the year, such as attending the grand opening of the newly restored historic Candlelight Wedding Chapel and the opening of the only publicly accessible railroad cottage in Southern Nevada at the Clark County Museum or visiting the touring history exhibit that will open at the Clark County Government Center Rotunda and then travel to various other locations throughout the year, provides an excellent opportunity to become acquainted, or reacquainted, with the community's history and character; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the members of the 75th Session of the Nevada Legislature hereby recognize and commemorate the centennial of Clark County's creation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the residents of the State of Nevada and Clark County are encouraged to discover and celebrate Clark County's heritage; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chairman of the Clark County Board of Commissioners for distribution to members of the Board.

