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Cortez Masto Supports Renaming McCarran Airport to Harry Reid International Airport

Washington, DC – U.S. Senator Catherine Cortez Masto (D-Nev.) released the following statement in support of a resolution introduced in the Nevada Legislature calling on the Clark County Commission to rename McCarran International Airport as Harry Reid International Airport:

“It’s past time that we remove a name that is synonymous with prejudice and replace it with one that rightfully represents Nevada’s values. McCarran Airport’s namesake harkens back to a past that is still painful to many Americans – one of racism and anti-Semitism that we continue to fight against today. Las Vegas should be represented appropriately to the millions of travelers who fly to our city each year, and no other person represents quintessential Las Vegas, Nevada like the fearless and inimitable Harry Reid.

“Senator Reid has dedicated decades of his life to Nevada. From fighting mobsters as Nevada’s Gaming Commissioner to representing Nevada on the world stage as the Senate Democratic Leader, Senator Reid’s contributions are innumerable. Because of Senator Reid, the state’s first national park was created and millions of acres of pristine lands have

been protected, forever changing Nevada's environmental and economic landscape. Nevada would not be what it is today without Senator Reid's decades-long work on behalf of all Nevadans. I look forward to the day when I come home to Las Vegas and land at the airport named after the greatest fighter Nevada has ever seen."

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