SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION—Expressing support for wild horses and burros in Nevada.

WHEREAS, Wild horses and burros are an integral part of the ecosystem and rangelands of the United States and the State of Nevada; and

WHEREAS, Wild horses and burros helped to build this nation and are living symbols of freedom and our American Western heritage, as represented by the depiction of wild horses on the Nevada State quarter; and

WHEREAS, Wild horses and burros are natural resources and cultural assets, and have the potential to promote tourism and job creation in this State; and

WHEREAS, Building eco-sanctuaries that enable the public to view and photograph wild horses and burros may provide a much needed boost to the Nevada economy; and

WHEREAS, Wild horses and burros depend on the understanding, cooperation and fairness of all interested parties; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the Nevada Legislature:

1. Supports the preservation and protection of our iconic wild horses and burros in the State of Nevada as living symbols of freedom, the pioneer spirit of the West and America’s heritage, as well as valuable natural resources and cultural assets;

2. Supports the development of wild horse and burro related ecotourism in the State of Nevada;

3. Encourages the State Department of Agriculture to enter into cooperative agreements with local wild horse and burro advocacy groups pursuant to NRS 569.031 concerning wild horses and burros living on private lands that are under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Agriculture; and

4. Encourages a spirit of cooperation, collaboration and fairness among wild horse and burro advocacy groups, private land owners and the State Department of Agriculture; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation, the Governor and the Director of the State Department of Agriculture; and be it further
RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.