

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 122—ASSEMBLYMEN SWANK, ELLIOT ANDERSON; ARAUJO, CARRILLO, DIAZ, DICKMAN, DOOLING, JOINER, OHRENSCHALL, SPIEGEL, SPRINKLE, THOMPSON, TITUS AND WHEELER

FEBRUARY 6, 2015

Referred to Committee on Government Affairs

SUMMARY—Establishes “Nevada Mid-Century Architecture Day” as a day of observance. (BDR 19-538)

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.

AN ACT relating to days of observance; establishing “Nevada Mid-Century Architecture Day” as a day of observance; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law sets forth certain days of observance in this State to commemorate
2 certain persons or occasions or to publicize information regarding certain important
3 topics. (Chapter 236 of NRS) This bill establishes May 20 of each year as “Nevada
4 Mid-Century Architecture Day,” which is a day of observance and not a legal
5 holiday.

1 WHEREAS, In 1972, authors Robert Venturi, Denise Scott
2 Brown and Steven Izenour published an acclaimed treatise on mid-
3 20th century architecture entitled *Learning from Las Vegas*, which
4 described the pivotal role Nevada played in shaping that era’s
5 architectural design across the country; and

6 WHEREAS, Nevada has many classic examples of mid-20th
7 century architecture which are listed in the National Register of
8 Historic Places, including the Fleischmann Atmospherium
9 Planetarium and the Pioneer Theater-Auditorium in Reno, and the
10 Morelli House, the John S. Park Historic District and the Berkley
11 Square neighborhood, located in Las Vegas; and



1 WHEREAS, The “Welcome to Fabulous Las Vegas” sign is
2 widely recognized throughout the world as an important icon and is
3 listed in the National Register of Historic Places; and

4 WHEREAS, The Las Vegas Strip is internationally famous as a
5 mid-20th century architectural resource and has been designated by
6 the United States Department of Transportation as an “All-
7 American Road”; and

8 WHEREAS, The La Concha Motel Lobby, once viewed as
9 outdated, has been restored and is located at the Neon Museum, has
10 been listed in the City of Las Vegas Historic Property Register and
11 is now recognized as a classic example of mid-20th century design,
12 demonstrating the need to preserve such architectural treasures;
13 now, therefore,

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15 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
16 SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:
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18 **Section 1.** Chapter 236 of NRS is hereby amended by adding
19 thereto a new section to read as follows:

20 *May 20 of each year is designated as Nevada Mid-Century*
21 *Architecture Day in celebration of the unique and important*
22 *examples of mid-20th century architecture in this State and in*
23 *recognition of the need to preserve these historically significant*
24 *places that are a central part of the rich cultural history of this*
25 *State.*

26 **Sec. 2.** This act becomes effective upon passage and approval.

