Senate of the

Associated Students

Of the University of Nevada

at the eightieth session

Begun and held at the City of Reno on Wednesday,
the eighteenth day of April, two thousand and twelve

A Resolution

In support of the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act

(DREAM Act)

*Whereas,* the Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors Act (DREAM Act) will affect universities across the nation, including the University of Nevada, Reno;

*Whereas,* the opinion of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada on this legislation is therefore relevant and important;

*Whereas,* there are hundreds of thousands of undocumented young people living in the United States and in Nevada after being brought into the country as minors by no accord of their own;

*Whereas,* they have lived the vast majority of their lives in the United States but do not enjoy the rights and privileges of citizens;

*Whereas,* it is estimated that 65,000 undocumented students graduate from high schools each year, yet they cannot pursue higher education due to barriers imposed by current immigration laws;

*Whereas,* the DREAM Act provides a path to citizenship for these undocumented students through the pursuit of a higher education such as at the University of Nevada or through military service, provided they are of good moral character;

*Whereas,* this legislation is beneficial to the people for whom it provides a path to citizenship;

*Whereas*, this legislation is also beneficial to the nation as a whole, as it creates valuable citizens through education or service;

*Whereas,* the National Law Center has estimated that roughly 725,000 people would be eligible to take advantage of this provision;

*Be it further resolved that* the Senate of the Associated Students of the University of Nevada encourages Congress to support the DREAM Act legislation or new legislation with consistent provisions during this next legislative session.

*Be it further resolved* that the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President of United States, the Vice President of United States, the United States Senate Majority Leader, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation, and the Director of the National Immigration Law Center.

Attest:

Secretary of the Senate

Speaker of the Senate