Assembly Joint Resolution No. 6—Assemblymen Atkinson, Buckley, Horne, Allen, Oceguera, Anderson, Arberry, Beers, Bobzien, Carpenter, Christensen, Claborn, Cobb, Conklin, Denis, Gansert, Gerhardt, Goedhart, Goicoechea, Grady, Hardy, Hogan, Kihuen, Kirkpatrick, Koivisto, Leslie, Mabey, Manendo, Marvel, McClain, Mortenson, Munford, Ohrenschall, Parks, Parnell, Pierce, Segerblom, Settelmeyer, Smith, Stewart, Weber and Womack

Joint Sponsors: Senators Nolan; Amodei, Beers, Care, Carlton, Cegavske, Hardy, Heck, Horsford, Lee, Mathews, McGinness, Raggio, Rhoads, Schneider, Titus, Townsend, Washington, Wiener and Woodhouse

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ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION—Urging Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act of 2005.

WHEREAS, In May 2005, the United States Congress enacted the REAL ID Act of 2005 as part of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005, Public Law 109-13, which was signed by President George W. Bush on May 11, 2005, and which becomes fully effective on May 11, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Use of the federal minimum standards for state driver’s licenses and state identification cards will be necessary for any type of federally regulated activity for which an identification card must be displayed; and

WHEREAS, The United States Department of Homeland Security, to date, has failed to promulgate rules for the implementation of the REAL ID Act; and

WHEREAS, The mandate to the states, through federal legislation, provides no funding for its requirements; and

WHEREAS, The American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, the National Governors’ Association and the National Conference of State Legislatures have estimated that the cost to the states to implement the REAL ID Act will be more than $11 billion over 5 years; and

WHEREAS, The implementation of the REAL ID Act would cost Nevada taxpayers approximately $30 million during Fiscal Year 2007 and Fiscal Year 2008; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada would incur additional expenditures associated with the implementation of the national identification card through machine readable technology, increased
training of Nevada’s Department of Motor Vehicles employees and increased Department of Motor Vehicles employee work hours; and

WHEREAS, Nevada’s compliance with the provisions of the REAL ID Act will require that, over the course of 4 years, an estimated 2 million Nevadans will be subjected to the unnecessary inconvenience of obtaining a REAL ID compliant driver’s license or identification card in person at offices of Nevada’s Department of Motor Vehicles; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is committed to increased security and unimpeachable integrity of driver’s licenses and identification cards within the State and the United States; and

WHEREAS, The State of Nevada is also committed to compliance with the REAL ID Act, should appropriate rules be adopted and federal funding be provided for implementation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE ASSEMBLY AND SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, JOINTLY, That the State of Nevada urges Congress to repeal the REAL ID Act portion of the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act for Defense, the Global War on Terror, and Tsunami Relief, 2005; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly prepare and transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States as the presiding officer of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and each member of the Nevada Congressional Delegation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this resolution becomes effective upon passage.