

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 16—SENATORS RHOADS, AMODEI, BEERS, CARE, CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, HARDY, HECK, HORSFORD, LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, RAGGIO, SCHNEIDER, TIFFANY, TITUS, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

APRIL 6, 2005

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Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Recognizes unveiling of statue of Sarah Winnemucca in National Statuary Hall in United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. and celebrates unveiling of replica of statue at Nevada State Capitol in Carson City. (BDR R-1414)

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EXPLANATION – Matter in ***bolded italics*** is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION—Recognizing the unveiling of the statue of Sarah Winnemucca in the National Statuary Hall in the United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. and celebrating the unveiling of a replica of the statue at the Nevada State Capitol in Carson City.

- 1 WHEREAS, In 1864, Congress established the National Statuary
- 2 Hall in the Old Hall of the House of Representatives in the United
- 3 States Capitol and authorized each state to contribute two statues



1 that represent important historical figures of that state to the
2 National Statuary Hall; and

3 WHEREAS, In 2001, the Nevada Legislature approved a bill
4 providing for the creation of a statue of Sarah Winnemucca for
5 placement in the National Statuary Hall Collection located in the
6 United States Capitol in Washington, D.C. and provided for the
7 designation of a committee to select an artist to create the statue and
8 approve its design; and

9 WHEREAS, Nevada's First Lady Dema Guinn served as
10 Honorary Chair of the Sarah Winnemucca Selection Committee and
11 also spearheaded efforts by the Nevada Women's History Project to
12 raise the funds necessary for completing and placing the original
13 statue in the United States Capitol and a full-size replica of the
14 statue in the Nevada State Capitol in Carson City; and

15 WHEREAS, The Nevada Department of Cultural Affairs provided
16 administrative support for the project, ensuring that all funds raised
17 were spent on the creation, transportation, documentation and
18 placement of the statues; and

19 WHEREAS, Sarah Winnemucca, born near Nevada's Humboldt
20 River in about 1844, was the daughter of Chief Winnemucca and the
21 granddaughter of the formidable Chief Truckee of the Northern
22 Paiute Tribe, who led John C. Fremont and his men across the Great
23 Basin to California; and

24 WHEREAS, Sarah Winnemucca's life was filled with remarkable
25 achievements, including serving as an interpreter for the United
26 States Army and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, serving as a scout,
27 peacemaker and interpreter during the Bannock War of 1878,
28 becoming the first Native American woman to write and publish a
29 book, and establishing a nongovernmental school for Paiute children
30 that became a model for future educational facilities for Native
31 American youth; and

32 WHEREAS, As a tireless spokeswoman for Native Americans,
33 Sarah Winnemucca was an advocate for the rights of her people
34 throughout the United States and even brought her message before
35 President Rutherford B. Hayes and the Congress of the United
36 States; and

37 WHEREAS, In fighting for justice, peace and equality for all
38 persons, Sarah Winnemucca represented the highest ideals of
39 America; and

40 WHEREAS, Sarah Winnemucca's wisdom, activism and
41 determination made an invaluable and enduring contribution to the
42 political and cultural history of Nevada; and

43 WHEREAS, On March 9, 2005, a 6-foot-4-inch bronze statue of
44 Sarah Winnemucca, sculpted by artist Benjamin Victor, was
45 unveiled in the rotunda of the United States Capitol before a



1 delegation of state and national officials and hundreds of Nevadans;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Today, April 6, 2005, a full-size replica of the Sarah
4 Winnemucca statue representing Nevada in the United States
5 Capitol is being unveiled at the Nevada State Capitol in Carson
6 City; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, THE
8 ASSEMBLY CONCURRING, That the Nevada Legislature is hereby
9 proud to recognize the unveiling of the statue of Sarah Winnemucca
10 and its inclusion in the National Statuary Hall Collection at the
11 United States Capitol in Washington, D.C.; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Nevada Legislature is honored to celebrate
13 the unveiling of a full-size replica of the Sarah Winnemucca statue
14 at the Nevada State Capitol in Carson City which will serve to
15 memorialize her lifetime of accomplishments and signify her
16 position as a distinguished citizen of this State; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Senate prepare and
18 transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Kenny Guinn and
19 Nevada's First Lady Dema Guinn, to each member of the Nevada
20 Congressional Delegation, to Scott K. Sisco, Interim Director of the
21 Department of Cultural Affairs, to Joan M. LeMere, State President
22 of Nevada Women's History Project, and to artist and sculptor
23 Benjamin Victor.



