

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 4—SENATORS RAGGIO, TITUS, AMODEI, BEERS, CARE, CARLTON, CEGAVSKE, COFFIN, HARDY, HECK, HORSFORD, LEE, MATHEWS, MCGINNESS, NOLAN, RHOADS, SCHNEIDER, TIFFANY, TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON AND WIENER

MARCH 23, 2005

Read and Adopted

SUMMARY—Inducts Joseph M. Neal, Jr., into Senate Hall of Fame. (BDR R-1363)

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

SENATE RESOLUTION—Inducting Joseph M. Neal, Jr., into the Senate Hall of Fame.

1 WHEREAS, The Senate of the Legislature of the State of Nevada
2 has established a Senate Hall of Fame whose members are selected
3 by leadership from those past Senators who have served with
4 distinction and who have made exemplary contributions to the State
5 of Nevada; and

6 WHEREAS, Joseph “Joe” M. Neal, Jr., was first elected to the
7 Senate in 1972, becoming the first African-American member of the
8 Senate, and represented with great spirit and integrity the residents
9 of Clark County in the Nevada Legislature from 1973 to 2004 for a
10 total of 32 years, one of the longest tenures in the Senate in Nevada
11 history; and

12 WHEREAS, In his long and distinguished career in the Senate,
13 Joe Neal served as Senate President Pro Tempore, Assistant
14 Majority Floor Leader, Minority Floor Leader and Assistant
15 Minority Floor Leader and chaired both the Senate Committee on
16 Human Resources and Facilities and the Senate Committee on
17 Natural Resources; and

18 WHEREAS, Among his many accomplishments in the
19 Legislature, Senator Neal led the fight to establish the state holiday
20 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr., and championed civil rights and
21 equal rights; and



1 WHEREAS, Senator Neal also fought for reforming Nevada's tax
2 system to benefit the average resident of this State and sponsored
3 legislation strengthening Nevada's fire protection codes; and

4 WHEREAS, Throughout his legislative career, Senator Neal
5 spoke eloquently and debated fiercely on behalf of the
6 disadvantaged; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Neal also distinguished himself through his
8 mastery of the rules of parliamentary procedure and knowledge of
9 legislative rules; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Neal enhanced his legislative service by
11 playing an active role in philanthropic endeavors by serving the
12 Clark County community in leadership positions on numerous
13 boards, commissions and foundations; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, That
15 Joseph M. Neal, Jr., who dedicated 32 years of his life to the service
16 of the people of the State of Nevada as a member of the Legislature
17 and in other public capacities, is hereby inducted into the Senate
18 Hall of Fame of the Legislature of the State of Nevada.

