

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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